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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 8/2/61

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated 7/24/61. The review for this report was made from serial 5576 through serial 5796.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of an informant's statement dated June 14, 1961, containing information orally furnished on June 14, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on June 15, 1961.

New York was telephonically advised on 6/15/61 regarding the contents of the informant's statement set forth herein.

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CG 100-33729

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(1-100-3313. (JACK KLING)
(1-100-18961 (CP, Illinois District - International Relations)
(1-100-38525 (Delegation of CP, USA, Members to Moscow, Russia, May Day, 1961)

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June 14, 1961

JACK KLING, a member of the Communist Party, USA, (CP, USA) delegation to Moscow for May Day, 1961, arrived at Idlewild International Airport, New York City, at approximately 10:30 p.m. (EST) on June 14, 1961, from abroad. KLING is the first member of this delegation to return to the United States since the recent United States Supreme Court rulings against the Party. According to KLING, the other members of this delegation are now en route back to the United States but are stopping over at points like Paris, France, and London, England, but they will be arriving in the United States in the near future. These other members of the delegation will arrive separately and at various United States ports in accordance with instructions they had received from the CP, USA.

KLING intends to remain in New York City until late Saturday, June 17, 1961, and then return to Chicago by plane. He has already scheduled an early a.m. appointment with GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA, on June 15, 1961, at which time he will brief HALL on his trip and relay to him certain matters of political interest which arose during the course of the trip to the Soviet Union. KLING will also meet with PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, while in New York City.

According to KLING, "things are popping abroad" in relation to the recent Supreme Court rulings against the CP, USA.

KLING also advised that he encountered only slight delays and no difficulties while clearing through United States Customs facilities at New York City. While in New York City, he intends to stay at an unidentified hotel.

6/16/61

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AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-24914)

PHILIP BART
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ISA-50;
SA-40
(OO: NY)

[redacted] advised on 6/15/61 that, according to OTIS A. HOOD, Chairman, CPUSA, New England District, PHILIP BART will be present at a meeting of the District Committee, CPUSA, New England District, scheduled to be held in the Boston area Sunday, 6/18/61, for the purpose of discussing recent decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court affecting the CP.

Boston will cover through established sources.

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3 - Bureau (100-3284) (RM)
2 - New York (100-56579) (RM)
2 - Boston (1 - 100-24914) [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 6/21/61

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
IS-C; ISA-50; SA-40
(Weekly summary 6/12-18/61)
CINAL
(OO: NY)

6/12/61

NY 1749-S* advised the subject contacted MAX WEISS and they spoke regarding WEISS' "membership case." He commented that JOHN ABT was in Europe and was expected back on Thursday. He said that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT faces a new trial and that the USA has asked for a postponement until November. The subject commented that as far as he knows the government has not moved on any of the membership cases and he thinks they are going to act on the "McCARRAN" first. WEISS asked what the reaction had been and BART said there had not been too much from the public, but that the newspapers were good and more were starting to come in. He said it is going to be a long hard battle and there are going to be some casualties.

This source advised that the subject later contacted AL BLUMBERG and they spoke about "his case". BLUMBERG said that his lawyer is going to study the decision and that he was convicted in 1956 and has not been sentenced. He said that if he is sentenced he then can make an appeal. They both agreed that the Supreme Court decision had been a severe blow.

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NY 1749-S* advised that the subject contacted [redacted] and asked how ANDY was doing in jail. She told him that he is adjusting very well and that she expects to visit him in July and every two months thereafter. They agreed to get together soon.

6/14/61

NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been present at a meeting of the National Board of the CPUSA held at CP Headquarters, NYC. (NYairtel to Bureau, 6/15/61, captioned "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION").

CG 5824-S* advised that JACK KLING, Chicago CP functionary, had arrived in NYC on that date and intended to remain there for a few days during which time he expected to brief GUS HALL on his trip and also meet with the subject.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, discussed the recent Supreme Court decisions, especially the fact that the Party will have to register. The subject commented that the "$10,000 a day fine does not mean anything." He said the government is not going to create concentration camps for this.

6/15/61

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed EDNA WINSTON that morning and he commented that he had gotten her children into another camp which was going to be more expensive. He said that EDNA was "no good" and that the only good thing she ever did was to marry "WINNIE" (HENRY WINSTON) and she was too young then to know the difference. The source advised that later that evening JACK KLING stayed with the subject and his wife over night. During their conversation,

KLING gave a detailed account of his recent trip and tour to Russia as a member of the CPUSA delegation. KLING dwelt a great deal on the "Jewish question" in Russia and the problem it has created for the Soviet CP as well as the CPUSA. At one point, the subject remarked that Jews in the US were very nationalistic, and that the Jewish policy of the CP is correct.

CONNIE BART commented that KLING was lucky that he went to Russia when he did as probably now he would not be able to get a passport. The subject remarked that he would "never give up his passport."

NY 1749-S* advised that JACK KLING had contacted his wife in Chicago and advised her that he would not be able to leave New York until the following day as he was unable to get reservations. SUE KLING then spoke to CONNIE BART and they made plans to get together during their vacation.

This source advised that the subject contacted ANN TIMPSON in Boston, Mass. and she suggested that the subject come up there some time on the weekend. She then gave him instructions on how to come and made tentative arrangements on picking him up.

[redacted] advised that OTIS A. HOOD, chairman of the New England District, announced that the subject would be present at a meeting of the District Committee on 6/18/61. b7D

6/16/61

NY 1750-S* advised that JACK KLING had left with the subject that morning for the office after having stayed over night at his residence.

NY 1749-S* advised that JACK KLING had contacted PHILIP CONNELLY, former editor of the "Daily People's World". KLING identified himself to CONNELLY and told him he was calling for his ex-wife DOROTHY (HEALEY). He told CONNELLY that DOROTHY was expected "back" very soon and that she had told him to call CONNELLY while he was in New York and tell him that she would get in touch with him as soon as she gets in.

6/17/61

NY 1749-S* advised that CONNIE BART had contacted LENA SCHERER and during their conversation stated that the subject was away that day and would be returning that evening.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 6/27/61

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHIL BART
IS-C; ISA-50; SA-40
(Weekly summary 6/19-25/61
CINAL
(OO: NY)

6/19/61

PHIL BART told JIM TORMEY that he had an appointment that morning for ten o'clock with BETTY GANNETT.

During the course of a conversation between PHIL BART and [redacted], BART mentioned that GUS HALL was being interviewed Thursday on tape for the "Today" show, but does not know when it will be shown. PHIL also mentioned that a little reaction to the Supreme Court decision is coming in citing the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" as having one of the most positive opinions on the matter in that it endorses outright (Justice) BLACK'S position. BART said that "this gang in the administration" now has a bill supported by BOB KENNEDY to circumvent the Fifth Amendment by granting immunity. (NY 1749-S*). b6 b7C

PHIL told his wife, CONNIE, that the Supreme Court had passed another reactionary law that day by five to four vote which upheld the right of railroad workers in Georgia to refuse to pay union dues because the union was misusing the funds or something to that effect. (NY 1750-S*).

6/20/61

CONNIE BART and LENA (SCHERER) discussed the (ACPFB) picnic to be held that Sunday. CONNIE said that as far as she knows, PHIL would be away that weekend, but that she is trying to convince him to stay home. (NY 1749-S*).

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PHIL told CONNIE that the Internal Revenue is checking on GUS' (HALL) gas station in Ohio. CONNIE asked whether it was for the Party that HALL had been out in Ohio, to which PHIL replied in the affirmative. PHIL then mentioned an ANN (from Warsaw or presently in Warsaw), who has a 36 year old brother over there who is a member of a district committee and in charge of education in an area which has a population of one million. According to PHIL, this individual was wounded in the war seven times and gets nothing for it.

Later that evening, PHIL indicated that he was going to see BETTY GANNETT while CONNIE said that she had to go over to the Bedford-Stuyvesant Section of Brooklyn. PHIL also talked about an advertisement the Party was trying to place in the newspapers, and that so far it had been accepted by the "NY Times" and the "Washington Post". PHIL also mentioned that he still intended to go to Boston the coming weekend since he had not gotten to see some people last time he had to see because the meeting took too long and was just a bunch of "screwball stuff". He recalled there was very little trouble with the "screwball" HOMER (CHASE), but that someone made a statement that GUS HALL was the leader of the modern revisionists. PHIL said he got up and told them they were being foolish and that nothing was to be proved by talk like that. PHIL also recalled that a Negro comrade had been brought up on charges at the meeting. He also mentioned seeing ANN (BURLAK) and discussing the possibility of her going on full time, but that she gave no definite answer, saying that she wanted to think the matter over. Concerning a situation at CP Headquarters, PHIL said that the gang downstairs (NY State CP) are getting more difficult every day. He said that a resolution had been received from the NY County the previous day and then PHIL became so upset about this resolution that the informant was unable to understand his comments. (NY 1750-S*).

6/21/61

CONNIE told PHIL that she was going to a political action meeting that night. (NY 1750-S*).

6/22/61

Following a return from the above meeting, PHIL severely criticized CONNIE for staying out so late, saying that she will have a physical breakdown and that the Party does not expect anyone to run around the way she does.

BART attended a meeting of the National Board at the Statler Hilton Hotel in NYC, the highlights of which were a discussion of the defense of the CP and an informational report submitted by DOROTHY HEALEY regarding her recent trip to the Soviet Union.

Following this meeting, BART attended a meeting of the CPUSA National Review Commission held at the home of LENA SCHERER, the highlights of which was the suspension from the Party of ABE UNGER. (CG 5824-S*) (This information furnished to Bureau by NYairtel, 6/24/61, "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION).

Following his return home from the above meeting, PHIL complained to CONNIE that it is almost impossible to stand some of the stuff that goes on, citing WILL WEINSTONE as an example of a person who would make a speech at the drop of a hat and that once he starts no one can shut him up. He said that WEINSTONE spoke at an affair on Long Island, the previous weekend, where he collected $176. which was not bad, but that those present just could not stop him from talking. PHIL then mentioned that a meeting of the Defense Committee was held that day at which JIM TORMEY was present. He said TORMEY got up and criticized the National Board and then tried to to draw back. PHIL said that he was the next speaker and really blasted TORMEY. He said you cannot do things like that with people like SI (GERSON) and DOT (HEALEY) there. (NY 1750-S*).

6/23/61

PHIL told CONNIE that the CP had just been granted a "stay" (from the Supreme Court decision) and both agreed that it was wonderful news.

CONNIE BART told unfemale that she finally talked PHIL into staying home for the weekend. (NY 1749-S*)

[redacted] of "Broadcasting Magazine" questioned PHIL BART about the purchase of radio time by the CP. (NY 2010-S*)(This information furnished in detail to Bureau by NYairtel, 6/23/61, captioned "CPUSA"). b6 b7C

In discussing the stay by Justice FRANKFURTER to the CP, PHIL described it as a great victory for the Party. He told CONNIE that they are not to be hopeful of ultimate success, but that any delay in the favor of the Party. Later in the conversation, PHIL criticized LOUIS (WEINSTOCK) for going off on a two week vacation and completely ignoring "Worker" deadlines.

6/24/61

PHIL BART requested HELEN WINTER to come to NY for a month to assist in setting up a skeleton underground apparatus. (CG 5824-S*)(This information furnished in detail to Bureau by NYairtel, 6/26/61, "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION").

6/25/61

PHIL and CONNIE went to the (ACPFB) picnic. (NY 1750-S*).

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C40)(421) DATE: 6/8/61

FROM: SA [redacted] (421)

SUBJECT: BRONX COUNTY CP
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1 - [redacted]
1 - New York (100-88609) [redacted] (421) (P.3,6)
1 - New York (100-93665) [redacted] (421) (P.3,6,7)
1 - New York (100-55159) [redacted] (421) (P.3,6)
1 - New York (100-47060) [redacted] (421) (P.3)
1 - New York (100-62050) [redacted] (421) (P.3)
1 - New York (100-135252) [redacted] (421) (P.3,6,7)
1 - New York (100-122217) [redacted] (421) (P.3,6)
1 - New York (100-85605) [redacted] (421) (P.3,6,7)
1 - New York (100-74453) [redacted] (421) (P.3)
1 - New York (100-) [redacted] from Youth as per [redacted] (P.3)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (422) (P.3,5,6)
1 - New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (415) (P.3,4,5)
1 - New York (100-128323) (CP,NYD,DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION) (414) (P.3,4)
1 - New York (100-31019) (COMINFIL LABOR UNIONS) (413) (P.4)
1 - New York (97-1792) (FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMM.) (31) (P.6)
1 - New York (100-) [redacted] (P.6)
1 - New York (100-) [redacted] (P.6)
1 - New York (109-81) (JULY 26TH MOVEMENT) (31) (P.6)
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1 - New York (100-128314) (CP NYD FUNDS) (414) (P.6)
1 - New York (100-62881) [redacted] (421) (P.7)
1 - New York (100-106044) [redacted] (421) (P.7)
1 - New York (100-133481) [redacted] (421) (P.7)
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A copy of informant's report follows:

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Date of report May 20, 1961

The [redacted] of the Communist Party, held a regular meeting on Monday [redacted] at [redacted] house [redacted] Ave.

The following people were at this meeting [redacted] from the Youth, and a guest speaker PHIL BART from the Worker.

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The agenda was, protest closing of Fordham Hospital, announcements, Press and final arrangements for meeting on Cuba on May 25.

[redacted] the meeting and [redacted] Leaflets and petitions were passed out and it was strongly urged that letters be sent to the Mayor, for his stand in announcing that the hospital be closed. Letters should also be sent to leading people in the community, assembly, Senators and Congressmen, and any other leading person in the area urging them to voice their protest also.

In the discussion that followed it was pointed out that even though the hospital is crowded, does not render good service etc. nevertheless it should not be closed until another suitable one is built in this community or area.

The other hospitals cannot take care of the thousands of cases which Fordham handles every year, and the people of the East Bronx should not be deprived of even this poor service, until something better is available.

The next point on the agenda was the introducing to the council of PHLL BART, National Organizational Sec. of the Communist Party, and also a director of the Worker.

PHIL spoke on the Worker and the poor condition that is in at the present time. Even though we are in the midst of a

press drive, you would not think so, by the number of subs coming into the Worker. The condition is such that an emergency has been declared and the Party is being alerted to do their utmost in securing new readers and renewals as soon as possible.

It has been projected in the past year that a Daily Worker is a must, but at this rate this is not likely, but if we work hard in our area, among our friends, former Party people, sympathizers etc. then this can be realized.

In the past few weeks our people have increased the sale of the Worker, by contacting neighborhood candy stores and requesting that they take a few copies of the Worker every week, if they already have the paper then to increase their quota and to display it on the stand where every one can see it.

This has paid off because hundreds of newstands have accepted and either increased or have taken a few copies of the paper. This is a first step and must be carried out throughout the city. In this way hundreds, yes thousands of copies of our paper will be displayed, and many people who have not been able to obtain a copy, because it was not displayed, can now do so.

If this is successful then it can be carried out nation-wide and the ciruclation will be greatly increased.

The paper must be sold and displayed at meetings of various organizations, community, union meetings fraternal organizations etc.

Our people in the labor unions must do a job as in the past, and because of the constant efforts of our people in the labor unions around many issues, especialy around the peace movement, the leaders of the labor movement have recently held a peace conference in Chicago and another in Washington. Again these conferences were held mainly because of the influence of the left forces in the labor movement.

The left forces must infiltrate all organizations, whether they be right, left, center etc. in order to lend their support and experience to these organizations around the many burning issues which confront us today.

PHIL announced that on Sunday June 4, there will be a national mobilization day around the sale, distribution of the Worker.

This will be the first national press day the Worker has held in years, outside of the citywide one of the two previous years.

The success of this drive will mean much toward the establishing of a Daily Worker, although it has been discussed and seemes very likely that by July 4 Worker will come out with a bi-weekly paper. This will come out on a Tuesday morning and the regular Worker will come out on a Friday morning.

As it is now the Sunday Worker carries news which is old already and this may be the reason for our poor circulation, but now news which comes out during the week will be in the Sunday Worker, and news that comes out on weekends, will be in the Tuesday edition. The Worker will still work toward the establishment of a daily by the end of the year.

Every club organizer must see to it that every member of his club participates in the June 4 mobilization, whether cold canvassing, newsstand contact, personal contacts, former readers, and many other ways that can be found to circulate and distribute the Sunday Worker.

People who belong to mass organizations who have lists of names, to submit them for contacts for the paper, and if the above plan is well carried out then at least 20,000 new readers can be realized by the year end.

It is good to renew subscribtions, but the Worker loses money on them therefor we must get new readers for

the paper and this should be our main emphasis in this mobilization drive on June 4.

A general discussion followed PHIL-- talk, and each suggestion of his would be worked out by each club organizer with his club and members prior to June 4.

On announcements, [redacted] at the bus terminals on 34 St. and 41 St. and 8th Ave. in protest against the outrages, against the freedom riders in Montgomery Ala. The demonstration would take place from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

On the meeting on Cuba, sponsored by Fair Play for Cuba on Thurs. May 25. at the Hunts Point Palace. The [redacted] and a few others who were not at this [redacted] meeting, gave final details of the meeting.

Fair Play has agreed to sponsor the meeting, the speakers were [redacted] for the Amsterdam News, and an expert on Cuba, [redacted], from the July of 26th Movement, [redacted] from the Guardian and possibly a Reverend if one can be obtained.

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Leaflets will be printed, about 5,000 and each club must arrange to take and distribute these leaflets. It was agreed that each club take a station on the East Side subway line and distribute them, Prospect Ave. Intervale, Simpson St., Freeman St. E. 174 St. and the Hunts Point Sta. of the Pelham Bay line.

Leaflets can be mailed to contacts, community leaders, friends, sympathizers, etc. It is ture that we want the Spanish speaking people to attend this meeting, but we must also come and lend our support in order to make this meeting a success.

The question of money for paying the initial expense [redacted] $50.00, the hall $60.00 was taken up and [redacted]

all suggestions that each club donate 5 or 10 dollars to help cover the expense and said that the [redacted]

It was agreed to accept her suggestion so as to be sure that the initial expense is paid before the meeting.

The leaflets would probably be ready by Friday night and can be picked up at [redacted] house for distribution on Monday [redacted] Tuesday and Wednesday.

A final meeting would be held on Monday [redacted] to go over last minute details and preparations if necessary at [redacted] house.

The next [redacted] meeting would be held at [redacted] house [redacted] on Monday [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

After the meeting [redacted] asked [redacted] if he would see if LOUISE SANCHEZ, or GAIL DAVIDOW would care to work with DORA ZIEBEL, in the 7th Assembly District insurgent group which is now forming, if so they can contact her at [redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 6-9-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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(1-100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
(1-100-32826 (JAMES ALLEN)
(1-100- (SADIE AMTER)
(1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
(1-100-93796 (PEGGY DENNIS)
(1-100-119739 (Dr. HARRY EPSTEIN)
(1-100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
(1-100- (ESTHER FOSTER)
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CG 100-33741

On June 6, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), dated Thursday, June 1, 1961. This letter was photostated by the Chicago Office and the original was returned to the source on June 7, 1961. One photostat has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in CGfile 100-33741-1B3(220).

Two photostats of this item are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York.

Set forth below are the verbatim contents of the above-noted letter except for the deletion of minor personal data which tends to identify this source or has no investigative pertinency. The information appearing in parentheses was supplied by the source on June 7, 1961, for assisting in the interpretation of the contents of this item.

"June 1st. 1961 - Thurs.

"Dear.....I was glad to have Tues. a holiday, which allowed me time to write a column and catch up with preparing my report for yesterday. (Meeting of National Executive Board, CP, USA) Three reports were given. Hy (Lumer) reported on the Economic Situation; the other was from the South.. No great discussion. They all went to hear Gus (Hall) in the evening and I took Peggy (Dennis) to dinner, at my other favorite restaurant - Macy's..... .....Before the meeting Gus told me that the Dr. (Harry Epstein) and Mrs. (Esther) Foster and [redacted] left yesterday. He had planned to go in a week and they had planned to leave in a month, after the boy finished school. Instead they were all requested to come at once. Either he (William Z. Foster) is worse or may want to return. Apparently the Dr.'s verdict that he cannot walk was a hard blow to him. We should know shortly. May be you will get some news. Gus is worried.

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"Peggy is in much better spirit. She spent the week end and holiday with her sister-in-law on L.I. /Gene's sister./ I told her the suggestion re dues etc. and she was satisfied. Only Phil (Bart) was sick and did not come in yesterday. I'd have finalized with him. We'll do so as soon as he is better. You were wise to go ahead when the opportunity seemed to favor. She is reconsidering calling Gus and I think she will do so. I'll try to arrange a little farewell party before she leaves. I told Bob (Thompson), Bill Albertson, Betty (Gannett), Hy - to call her up and see her. Irving (Potash) has done so once or twice, altho he is at John's (Abt) temporarily. No action, except to accept, was taken on my report. The N.W. will be settled otherwise, I presume.

"I am very tired - after four days' of sitting up there. Will do a few chores for myself - like haircut, get a new spring fall coat and a couple of dresses, thanks to a little extra cash. [redacted] of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, not connected with movement) got one radio and toaster back from repairs at Standard Brands and is getting a new plug for my record player. They (Russians) did give me one over there but did not send it along. The plugs are round, you'll remember, and we need flat ones here. They put a much better head on (Victor) Perlo's article in the P.W. (People's World) Did you see it? 'The Curve is Up-But Watch for Sudden Slump.' I asked, when we discussed his article and two others were called in from the paper, in addition to [redacted] & Jim, (Allen) why he was not invited. Gus answered 'He is not a party worker.' I replied I could not see that as a reason because unfortunately what he writes in the paper, nevertheless, is taken to be our views on the question and it will cause confusion. Jim said nothing. [redacted] whispered to me there is a feud between P (Perlo) & Hy. It's an odd situation.

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"Did you see the enclosed in the P.W.? I have tentative dates with Hy & Bob (Thompson). Hy seems troubled. How is Geraldyne (Lightfoot)? Any news further of [redacted] .....
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/S/ "Elizabeth

"I have not seen or heard from Sadie (Amter). The young man who lives there told me she stayed away with some friends, phoning that she was 'too weak' to come home. Poor thing! It's pitiful."

SAC, NEW YORK (100-23825) 6/16/61

SA THOMAS J. DEVINE, (#414)

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.
IS-C; ISA 1950

NY 2353-S* on 6/8/61, advised that a [redacted] of "Newsday", that date, requested a private interview with GUS HALL. The informant advised that PHIL BART contacted BEN DAVIS and asked if DAVIS would take an interview at 10:30 a.m., on 6/9/61, with the Long Island "Newsday". DAVIS agreed to this, and [redacted] was so notified.

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1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1 - New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (#415)
1 - New York (100-23825)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-67670) DATE: 6/16/61

FROM: SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY

SUBJECT: [redacted]
IS-C

Identity of Source [redacted] PSI, who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info Re [redacted]

Date Received 6/9/61

Received By SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY written

Original Location [redacted]

A copy of informant's written report follows.

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1-NY 100-141247 [redacted] (414)
1-NY 100-137890 [redacted] (414)
1-NY 100-12959 [redacted] (422)
1-NY 100-98068 [redacted] 422)
1-NY 100-15946 [redacted] (422)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY 100-129629 [redacted] (414)
1-NY 100-26603-C43 (CPUSA NYD KINGS COUNTY) (422)
1-NY 100-128817 (CPUSA NYD MEMBERSHIP (414)
1-NY 100-80638 (CPUSA MEMBERSHIP) (415)
1-NY 100-67670 (415)

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June 2, 1961

On Sunday [redacted] at 8:30 PM [redacted] came tothe home of [redacted] St. Bklyn, NY. She said she had spoken to [redacted] again about the [redacted] and had tried to push her into accepting them in her group. She hadn't told [redacted] that she had already accepted them and taken money for initiation and dues. [redacted] was furious with her because she does not want to be rushed and she will take them in when she thinks it best.

[redacted] told the [redacted] she felt terrible but she would have to return their money to them and asked them never to tell anyone she had taken same. She could have told [redacted] she took them in but she doesn't want to cause any disention in the Party. She told the [redacted] to force the issue of becoming members through [redacted]. They should demand to be heard and to be answered directly, not through channels. She said if they get no satisfaction from their request to see [redacted] from [redacted] they should write letters to 1st The Brooklyn Committee c/o [redacted] next the State Committee which would come to her and last the National Committee which would get to PHIL BART. She asked them to do this not because she is friends with them but because this is an important issue. She wants to know who has the authority to accept or refuse applicants to the Party. She says the Constitution of the Communist Party states that the only requirement for a person seeking membership is that they be sponsored by someone reliable in the Party. Both she and [redacted] have personally approved the [redacted] and she cannot see what gives [redacted] the right to refuse them.

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[redacted] drove [redacted] home at 12:15 am.

SAC (100-31643) 6/16/61

SA FORREST F. BURGESS

CPUSA - PAMPHLETS and PUBLICATIONS
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On 6/5/61, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA FORREST F. BURGESS of the following. This information was dictated on 6/7/61 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [redacted] on 6/8/61, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 6/9/61. This statement is maintained in [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

1 - New York (RM)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)

28- Philadelphia
1 - 100-31643
27 - Other related files

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"6/5/61
Philadelphia, Pa.

"PHIL BART came to Philadelphia and visited the home of [redacted] and [redacted] around noon [redacted] The following people also came to [redacted] residence around that time:

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"After they had met at [redacted] residence, all of them went out on a mobilization for the purpose of attempting to secure subscriptions to 'The Worker.' They left [redacted] residence around 12:30 p.m. on [redacted] [redacted] instructed [redacted] to go to the home of [redacted] Street, Philadelphia, Pa., to help prepare a dinner on that same evening which would be served to those people who had gone out on the mobilization for 'The Worker.' [redacted] was out of town and consequently [redacted] gave [redacted] a key in order to get into his residence. [redacted] later showed up there and helped [redacted] in the preparation of the dinner and somewhat later [redacted] called. He said he was supposed to have been picked up and taken to [redacted] residence where he was to prepare the dinner; however, no one had showed up for him. [redacted] instructed him to get a cab and come to [redacted] residence immediately. [redacted] did so and prepared a chicken dinner with vegetables and salads assisted by [redacted] and [redacted]

"Among those who attended this dinner, which was served around 5:30 p.m. on [redacted] were [redacted] and [redacted] PHIL BART [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] also [redacted]

[redacted] said that approximately 22 people had gone out on the mobilization for 'The Worker' and that 19 subscriptions to 'The Worker' were obtained. [redacted] and PHIL BART seemed pleased with the results.

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[redacted] and [redacted] together obtained five subscriptions to 'The Worker.' [redacted] and [redacted] together received four subscriptions to 'The Worker.' Prizes were given to the above people for securing the most subscriptions. These prizes consisted of CP books, paintings, and a book of cartoons.

"PHIL BART spoke at this dinner and substantially made the following remarks:

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating. A mobilization on behalf of 'The Worker' had been conducted on a national scale throughout the country on [redacted] Such mobilizations had not been conducted for a long time on a national basis. The results achieved in Philadelphia on [redacted] proved such mobilizations should be conducted more often. BART himself had gone out on the mobilization in Philadelphia. Some of the people he contacted did not agree with him; however, this gave him the opportunity to indulge in quite a discussion with them.

[redacted] said he collected $32.00, which he did not think was good for a day's work; however, [redacted] thought this was very good. [redacted] did not indicate for what purpose these funds were collected.

[redacted] and [redacted] thought the mobilization should have been conducted on Saturday rather than on Sunday because they felt more people would be home Saturday afternoon than on Sunday.

"PHIL BART left to catch an 8 p.m. train for New York and [redacted] took him to the train."

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (100-45487) DATE: 6/19/61

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA "WORKER" COMMITTEE;
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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA RATCHFORD of the following. This information was dictated on 6/12/61 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [redacted] on 6/12/61, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 6/13/61. This statement is maintained in [redacted]

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"Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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"On [redacted] following the mobilization drive on behalf of 'The Worker,' a dinner was held at the residence of [redacted] Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2 - New York (RM)
1 - 97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.)
1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)

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1 - 100-45487
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"This dinner was held to celebrate the success of the morning mobilization drive on behalf of 'The Worker.' This dinner started at 5:00 p.m., ended at 8:30 p.m., and was attended by eighteen people.

"The following were observed in attendance at this meeting:

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PHILIP BART

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"Following the dinner, notes were read on the experiences of the mobilization workers in their drive to obtain new subs for 'The Worker.'

"PHIL BART stated that the mobilization was a very successful operation and that seventy people were contacted and fifty new subs were obtained.

"This work was done by approximately twelve people, and it is felt another type undertaking, such as this, will eventually take place.

"Intensification in 'The Worker' mobilization dealt primarily with the North Philadelphia and West Philadelphia areas.

"The names of individuals contacted were taken from the mailing list."

SAC (100-1502-1607) 6/20/61

SA [redacted]

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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided a written statement by mail to SA [redacted] This statement is maintained in [redacted]

3 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - 100- [redacted]
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-269 [redacted]
17 - Philadelphia
1 - 100-1502-1607
1 - 100-30295 (CPUSA - FUNDS)
1 - 100-31723 (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-31617 [redacted]
1 - 100-22157 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-19632
1 - 100-19266
1 - 100-30922
1 - 100-20479
1 - 100-18620
1 - 100-35156
1 - 100-20942
1 - 65-1686
1 - 100-40203
1 - 100-35905
1 - 100-36882
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FBI NEW YORK

"6/10/61

"The [redacted] met on Thursday [redacted] in the home of [redacted] St. The following comrades were present:

"1. [redacted]
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"The agenda was as follows:

"1. [redacted]
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"On the [redacted] and told the comrades [redacted] She also told them the [redacted] The comrades agreed to this. It did not seem to worry them. [redacted] spoke to them about [redacted] and said the [redacted]

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"The comrades agreed to this thinking and agreed not to use the [redacted]

"On the [redacted] the comrades disagreed with the [redacted] because they said [redacted] on this issue. They asked [redacted] to speak to the [redacted] They want this to be given to clubs so that they can (1) [redacted] (2) [redacted]

[redacted] said this was very good and said she would pass it on to [redacted]

"On the [redacted] reported that [redacted] She said the [redacted] and she [redacted] She said [redacted] PHIL BART.

[redacted] said everyone was pleased about the turnout, she asked if the [redacted] felt [redacted] was correct - and said [redacted] She said she would also go [redacted]

[redacted] asked [redacted] She said yes.

"On [redacted] asked for [redacted] said he was [redacted] - Sustaining [redacted] for 2 wks - [redacted] for 2 wks - [redacted] for 2 wks - [redacted] for 2 wks - [redacted] gave [redacted] and also gave [redacted] toward the [redacted] gave [redacted] on the [redacted] which was her [redacted] or rather half of it.

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"It was now 11:00 p.m. and the comrades said it was too late to hold an [redacted] Everyone agreed.

[redacted] was not present because he was working in W. Oak Lane. [redacted] had stopped by [redacted] and said he had a [redacted] and [redacted] said [redacted] also had a [redacted] Next club meetin [redacted] at [redacted]

SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-)

6/21/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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On 5/7/61, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation between PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the CP, USA, and his wife, CONNIE BART, which was held in their apartment at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY. Among the matters discussed were the following:

PHIL spoke about his trip to Connecticut and said that the meeting had been in New Britain, near Hartford. He said some old time CP member had died and they all went up to New Haven afterwards. He said he did not go and took the early train home. He said while there, he learned that there had been an ad in the Hartford papers prepared by some SANE members and some ex (CP) members who are in the broad movements. He said the response to the ad was tremendous and they have received more than 100 signatures and about $1,000.00 in cash. He commented that [redacted] (LNU) situation did not even know anything about this. This reflects that the/ there is very bad. He said the Party up there is going through the 1956-1957 period.

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CONNIE then asked if [redacted] LNU) is active up there and PHIL said he did not know.

PHIL then commented on an editorial which had been printed in The Worker by JACKSON without anyone having seen or approved it. He said that fortunately it was a good one, but that JACK (STACHEL) is still very sore about it. He said this guy JACK does not care about anyone and he will stand you up without even a phone call saying what is wrong.

3 - New Haven (100-) (RM)
(1 100-) [redacted] LNU)
2 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1 - New York (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (#415) 100-56579-5735
1 - New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (#415)
1 - New York (100-84275) (BILL PATTERSON) (#415)
1 - New York (100-80641)

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CONNIE then mentioned to the subject that she had attended a meeting on Negro affairs but that she could not stay for the entire period. She said PAT (WILLIAM PATTERSON) spoke and he does not look well and he spoke very haltingly and slowly. She said he seemed very tired.

[illegible]AC, PHILADELPHIA

[illegible]AC, NEW YORK (100-[illegible])

5/21/61

CP - ORGANIZATION

On 5/3/61, NY 175[illegible] furnished information regarding a conversation between PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the CP, USA, and his wife, CONNIE BART, which was held in their apartment at 2415 Newton Ave., Brooklyn, NY. Among the matters discussed were the following.

PHIL BART discussed the meeting at CP Headquarters that day and a report that he [illegible] with a number of proposals. He said he proposed that about 100 meetings of various clubs and groups be held throughout the country. He said these meetings would include friends, language groups and sympathizers and would be handled through the local clubs. He also suggested that some of these meetings be held on college campuses as well. He said the big thing with this drive will be the literature angle. He said first they will start out with an open letter to liberal, progressive and labor groups directly from the Party. Then there are two pamphlets, one of which is [illegible] by JIM ALLEN and which should be ready by this Friday, which will be [illegible] at these meetings. He said the other pamphlet is on the John Birch society and they will probably mail five copies of it to each Worker subscriber. He said everyone will be asked to send back a quarter for the pamphlet and he believes most of them will.

BART continued that then they will attempt to try to reach the usually left groups. CONNIE commented

2 - Philadelphia (RM)
1 - Chicago (100-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
1 - New York (100-56379) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1 - New York (100-19786) (EDDY [illegible]) (#424)
1 - New York (100-21) (THE [illegible]) (#41)
1 - New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (#415) [illegible]-5736
1 - New York (100-80641)

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that they probably will not come to the meetings. PHIL agreed with her and said that they will not come on the same platform with them but they will propose that the meetings be no agreement meetings and only for the purpose of discussing different opinions. He said that people like MUSTE and THOMAS have met with them before and that MC MANUS has talked with them and volunteered to see if he can get these type meetings scheduled on a regular basis.

He said they also discussed trying to meet various individuals in the Negro group but they did not go into it too deep as they are waiting for CLAUDE L. He said they are not interested in trying to reach the regular Negro CP member but in the new emerging Negro.

Subject then commented about "The Worker and said that EDDY ROYCE had been given the assignment of getting it on the newsstands and had done a good job. He said that ROYCE went out and got a list of all the Freiheit stands and has talked many of them into taking the paper. He has also asked an appeal be made to the membership to buy their papers from these stands.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-84) DATE: 6-21-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33726)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - SECURITY MEASURES
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OF INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN SINCE THIS INFORMATION WAS SECURED THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGES BASED ON BLACKBOARD NOTATIONS WHICH WERE LATER ERASED OR BY WRITTEN EXCHANGES SUBSEQUENTLY BURNED. IN VIEW OF THE NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION, IT IS APPARENT THAT IF IT IS REVEALED IT COULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE A MOST HIGHLY PLACED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT WHO IS FURNISHING INFORMATION RELATING DIRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant's statement dated June 13-14, 1961, containing information orally furnished on June 13-14, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SAS CARL N. FREYMAN and RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on June 20, 1961.

2-Bureau (Enc. 2)(RM)
6-New York (RM)
(1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
(1-100-84994 (GUS HALL)
(1-100- (CP, USA - Brief)
(1-100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)
(1-100-81338 (CP, USA - Security Measures)
(1-100-96985 (CP, USA - Underground)
6-Chicago
(1-A)134-46)
(1-100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)
(1-100-18953 (CP, Illinois District - Organization)
(1-100-18962 (CP, Illinois District - Security Measures)
(1-100-21222 (CP, Illinois District - Underground)

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June 13-14, 1961

Recently, GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), was overheard making a comment that he would proceed to the Midwest "one of these days." However, since HALL has become very security conscious as a result of the new situation within the CP, he desired to arrange a method whereby he could maintain contact with MORRIS CHILDS, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, from Chicago.

Subsequently, it was learned that HALL had been furnished with both the unlisted home and business telephone numbers for CHILDS in Chicago. It was arranged that if HALL desired to contact CHILDS when in the Midwest, that he was to call either of the numbers furnished and if CHILDS not at either location, the message should be left that "GENE called." The name "GENE" hereafter will be utilized as a pseudonym for HALL. When and if HALL makes such contact with CHILDS in Chicago, it was learned that these individuals have prearranged meeting places set for the Chicago area which are as follows:

1) Illinois Central Railroad Station,
Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue,
Chicago

2) Batt's Restaurant,
112-16 East Cermak Road,
Chicago

3) Phil Smidt and Son Restaurant,
1205 Calumet Avenue,
Hammond-Whiting, Indiana

It was also learned that if CHILDS desires to contact either HALL or PHIL BART in New York, he will hereafter utilize the name MICHAEL in reference to CHILDS and the name PAUL in reference to PHIL BART.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (100-31723) DATE: 6/20/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION;
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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided a written statement to SA [redacted] This statement is maintained in [redacted]

"6/9/61

"The [redacted] met on Tues. [redacted] in the home of [redacted] St.

"The following communists were present:

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5- New York (RM)
1 - 100- (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)
1 - 100-10658 [redacted]
1 - 100-
1 - 100-269

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1 - 100-31723
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"The agenda was as follows:

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"The statement read by

"By a bare majority of 5 to 4 the Supreme Court today struck a crushing blow at democracy and the constitution of the land. It did this by upholding the membership clause of the Smith and the McCarran registration act, both based on the Hitlerite big lie of the Communist menace. The former declares membership illegal in a political party -- the Communist Party, while the latter requires the registration of all officers and members. This is the same as declaring the party illegal and then asking it to submit names for the prosecution.

"In the name of anti-Communism, the high Court opened the door to the victimization of Communists and non-Communists alike, who are fighting for defense of democratic liberties, the rights of the Negro people and of labor, and for the cause of peace. By similar

"5-4 decisions the court has already upheld the convictions of opponents of segregation and the cold war, like Uphaus, Braden, Wilkerson and others.

"This is a cold war McCarthyite decision. While the Kennedy Administration pretends to be a champion of freedom in the world, the Supreme Court sanctions a new attack agst. democracy here at home; which goes much beyond previous actions. The Fascist John Birches, the Citzens Councils, the Ku Klux Klan and the assorted anti-Semites and racists can freely undermine all the rights and democratic institutions established after decades of heroic people's efforts without any real interference from the Supreme Court of the land or from the Kennedy Administration. But by these decisions the highest tribunal abdicates its duty to defend the constitution and has itself violated the constitution of the land. These decisions are a dragnet intended to intimidate all the forces of peace, democracy and social progress, irrespective of their political affiliations.

"If the bare majority of the court and the reactionary forces for whom they speak, think that in this way it can intimidate the Communist arty of the U.S. and prevent it from carrying on its clear and present duty to defend democracy & peace, it is seriously mistaken. The Communist Party is a legal party operating within the framework of the US Constitution; and it would be derelict in its duty to the American people if it did not fight vigorously for its full legal rights & existence. It will continue to do its duty to the American people by alerting them as sharply as it can to the dangers inherent in this court - action -- dangers to the very base and fabric of democracy in our country. If this decision is permitted to stand, all the gathering Fascist and anti-labor forces will consider it a green light for them to push their revival and their effort to drag the country into a catastrophic nuclear war. We are sure that many Americans, faithful to the cause of democracy and peace, will let their voices be heard in strong protest.

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[redacted] finished reading the statement and [redacted] asked if there were any remarks. [redacted] said [redacted]

[redacted] said [redacted] and he [redacted] would be called and by the weekend The worker should carry some directives. [redacted] felt at this time no [redacted] but [redacted] However, he felt there were [redacted] that could be done:

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"The comrades agreed to [redacted] suggestions. But it was apparent that each comrade in the room was worried, each being an [redacted] wondered how they would be affected. How far reaching effects this decision will have on the party membership here remains to be seen.

"On [redacted] A letter was read by [redacted] from Phil Bart asking that [redacted]

"Comrades agreed to take [redacted] felt a [redacted] He felt [redacted] asked to [redacted] because of her [redacted] He also felt one other person, preferably [redacted] The comrades agree and [redacted] agreed to see [redacted] about [redacted]

"On the [redacted] was very enthused about the way the [redacted] He said it has been [redacted] for.

"On Sunday at the dinner he said [redacted] in [redacted] - making a total of [redacted]

"On Sunday [redacted] were visited in this district.

[redacted] was also enthused about the turnout. She said the [redacted] They received a [redacted]

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[redacted] said in view of this another [redacted]

"She said Phil Bart who was in on Sun. and also [redacted] She asked the comrades to [redacted] said a [redacted] would be held at [redacted] Sts. - [redacted] 7:30 P.M. and [redacted] at [redacted] Sts.

[redacted] announced that the [redacted] She said the [redacted]

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"These she said [redacted]
This was agreed.

"Next meeting [redacted] St."

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284T)
FROM: SA RUSSELL H. HORNER
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
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The [redacted] originally scheduled to be held at [redacted] on [redacted] was rescheduled at the last minute and was held at the Continental Ballroom instead. This hurried rescheduling was accomplished at about 7:00 P.M. on that same day. It developed that sometime during the day FBI Agents interviewed the son of [redacted] This son is not sympathetic to the CP. The Agents apparently questioned the son about his mother and about her activities. As a result this son appeared at [redacted] home at about 6:00 P.M. saying that he knew about the scheduled meeting and that if it came off he would come to it and raise a ruckus. As a result of this [redacted] became very upset and called her friend, [redacted] and told her the whole story. [redacted] in turn called [redacted] and told him about it. [redacted] as a result, started to reschedule the meeting for the Continental Ballroom. To do this at such a late hour he had to resort to a chain phone call. As a result of the late hour, some of those who were attending and who lived a distance from Newark, had already left home before they could be called. The end result was that where the original estimate and plan had been for about 30 people to be present at this meeting, the actual attendance was about half that number. It also threw the meeting into a rather depressing affair, and little was accomplished. [redacted] and [redacted] drove up from the Toms River area but did not get word of the switch. They did not get to the meeting as a result. Two cars from Paterson were expected but only one made it and that contained only [redacted] The other was apparently lost in the switch.

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PHIL BART from the National Office was present and spoke briefly on President KENNEDY's first 100 days in office.

[redacted] spoke on methods of carrying out the projected [redacted]

[redacted] spoke and reported that the New Jersey CP [redacted] She remarked that [redacted] of this had been [redacted] in Essex County. She pointed out that [redacted] She reported that while Essex County was [redacted] in the [redacted] the [redacted]

[redacted] spoke also, and for once gave a positive type of talk. She stated that she [redacted]

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in having GUS HALL come into New Jersey to attend meetings. [redacted] recommended that these meetings be held on Friday, [redacted] instead of Saturday, [redacted]

A [redacted] was appointed to further arrange and schedule the [redacted] This committee will be composed of [redacted] A meeting of this committee was scheduled for [redacted] [redacted] will take [redacted] place on this committee for this first meeting since [redacted] cannot be present.

Among those present at this meeting were the following:

PHIL BART [redacted] [redacted]

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The above referred to [redacted] came with [redacted] [redacted] indicated that he had been thrown out of the Party several years ago by [redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81) DATE: 6-21-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33729)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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Remyairtel dated June 2, 1961.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies of an informant's statement dated June 13-14, 1961, containing information orally furnished on June 13-14, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SAS CARL N. FREYMAN and RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on June 20, 1961.

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1-Cleveland (RM)
(1- 65-721 (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
1-Detroit (RM)
(1-100-8482 (TOMMY DENNIS)
1-Los Angeles (RM)
(1-100- (WYNDHAM MORTIMER)
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(1-100-84994 (GUS HALL)
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Copies of this letter are being furnished to those offices which received copies of referenced communication reflecting that certain individuals were being considered for a Summer delegation of CP, USA, members to the Soviet Union.

June 13-14, 1961

On June 13, 1961, it was learned that according to GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), that as a result of the recent Supreme Court decisions, there will be no additional Party delegations sent abroad now nor will there be any passport applications by Party people which could be utilized as a basis of test cases under the McCarran Act by the government. b6 b7C

In view of this decision of HALL, the Summer delegation of CP, USA, members to Moscow will not be carried through. However, there still will be some limited travel including HALL's wife ELIZABETH and [redacted] who plan to depart for the Soviet Union on June 16, 1961, and PEGGY DENNIS and [redacted] who will depart for the Soviet Union shortly thereafter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (100-31723) DATE: 6/21/61

FROM : SA THOMAS F. LEWIS

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION;
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On 6/12/61, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided a written statement to SA LEWIS. This statement is maintained in [redacted]

1 - Detroit (RM)
1 - 100-13420 [redacted]

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5 - New York (RM)
1 - 100- (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION)
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"May 25, 1961

"On Sunday, [redacted] a meeting of the [redacted] and [redacted] was held at the apartment of [redacted] [redacted] Ave., Phila., Penna. Those present were:

[redacted]

"PHIL BART [redacted]

[redacted] (about 50 years old, slight built about 5'7" tall, 150 lbs., [redacted] wore black plastic rimmed glasses, [redacted] indicated he was an party [redacted] and a [redacted] worker.

[redacted] Colored girl, light brown skin, about 5'9" tall, 150 pounds, was present at meeting of previous day and appeared to live in same building as [redacted]

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"A tall negro boy, about 23 yrs. old, 6 ft. tall or more, wore a wedding bank, light skin, wore black plastic, eyeglasses.

[redacted] proposed the agenda to be:

"1. Trade Unions
"2. Press - [redacted] was elected [redacted] He proposed adding to the agenda.
"3. Education effort
"4. Announcements

[redacted] said he would give the report on the Natl. Committee meeting of May 6 which dealt with the trade unions movement. He said Comrade Irving Potash gave the report. The gist of [redacted] remarks is as follows: Gus Hall painted out that U.S. capitalism is no longer working in favor of the U.S.

"The following points bear this out.

"1. Serious unemployment.
"2. Stagnation in industry.
"3. Automation
"4. Growth of U.S. overseas ownership.
"5. Steel piled up on inventory before their strike, auto is doing it now.
"6. Company unions are making gains.
"7. Strikes are being broken.
"8. Legislation such as Taft - Hartley and Landrum - Griffith hinders unions.
"9. Struggle is going on between craft and industrial unions.
"10. This goes back to foreign policy. In unions there has been a break in the peace question. The conference later in Chicago produced further developments. Jim Carey's attack on Meany heightened the labor split. Some unions raised the question of a Labor party. The National Negro Labor Council met in Washington. They laid down a challenge on racism in unions. There has been a recent pact between the N.M.V., I.L.A., and Teamsters. The trend is toward a split but this would not help labor. These things buy the basis for changes in foreign policy. The most militant developments are in unions which had former contact with the left. Carl Winter said Reuther raised the question of putting all workers on salary. This was not received with enthusiasm. Reuther projected the idea of a new fair wage standards act. These things are important and significant developments in the labor movement. According to Gus Hall, these offer a means to develop a democratic coalition. In Penn. many strikes have been going on. The party role is to clarify the issues. Labor is still closely tied to the democratic party in the area.

"The Negro labor developments are highlighted by the Randolph movement. The trade union council has endorsed statements condemning hiring policies in the hotel industry.

"The Randolph movement here is inactive. They have one chapter. The party should help it develop. Unions have toned down their red barting. This concluded his report.

[redacted] asked, 'Does the party have a functioning Trade Union Commission.

[redacted] replied, 'No, not for some time.'

[redacted] said the I.L.A. had broken away from the coalition. He said a Latin American conference is in the works of labor. [redacted] spoke on and on until [redacted] broke in and said time was running out and asked [redacted] to be brief. [redacted] said he had to make just a few more points. He said AFL. and CIO delegates have a convention here Monday or Tuesday. Attempts will be made to get a worker into the hands of each delegate.

[redacted] said she wants work done to prevent a repetition of G.E. strike breaking techniques.

[redacted] spoke of union jurisdictional strikes and said the trouble lies with the business agents and not the rank and file.

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"Phil Bart urged the rereading of Gus Hall's report on trade unions at the last national committee meeting. He said most of labor is good and should be considered part of the family. Phil said this does not stop criticism of Meany and his policies. He said labor is moving on social issues and English and Belgian labor is more advanced than U.S. Phil said the split between right and left forces in labor is sharpening. He said the party in New York is trying to get the NAACP, NALC and Central Labor Council to organize a Madison Square garden type meeting.

[redacted] said there must not be unity of labor at any price. This would be a victory of reaction. He said workers in the sugar industry are interested in resumption of trade with Cuba.

[redacted] said she agrees with Phil Bart and discussed briefly the sugar situation. She said there should be more effective utilization of those friendly to the party. She said the district has not succeeded on Trade Union Commissions and there must be a re-examination of party forces. It will be necessary to look to left fractions for help in this.

[redacted] said T.U. members need guidance. She felt they do not have an understanding of the bread and butter issues. [redacted] said youth has not figured out a way to approach the trade union movement.

[redacted] said movements at the top tend to fail if they are out of touch with the workers down below. He said workers move on self interest. He quoted at length from an article by Gus Hall on trade unions. His tone was sarcastic and he looked at [redacted] from time to time as he drove home a point.

"The meeting then adjourned for lunch.

[redacted] resumed the floor after lunch and recommended the following points be adopted.

"1. All negro comrades join the N.A.L.C.

"2. Get negro shopmates to join. [redacted] said whites can join.

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[redacted] said the Inquirer editorial about too much taxes for foreign aid should be studied. This is an issue which can be developed, he said.

[redacted] recommended all party members who are trade unionists be gotten together to move on these issues.

[redacted] asked that left fractions be included.

[redacted] said the party must get workers themselves going on this.

"She said it was important to instill a Marxist concept. She said the party should not put all their eggs in one basket by telling all negro comrades to join the N.A.L.C.

[redacted] suggested an open air meeting on the recent Alabama freedom rider's incident in Reyburn Plaza.

[redacted] said the party did a lot of work around the Forand Bill but it flopped. He felt some kind of civil rights meeting could be developed around the Alabama deal.

[redacted] proposed the report be adopted and that a conference on trade union work be set up.

[redacted] said these are only trends in the labor movement. The party can only develop these trends. He noted that all clubs in the city but one were represented at the meeting. He said those present should go back to the club and discuss it.

[redacted] proposed the D.C. order each comrade to visit a co-worker within one month.

[redacted] proposed:

"1. Certain articles be made the basis for study in mass work.

"2. The whole party be mobilized around the issue of civil rights.

"3. Action on the 30 hour week. He said it was necessary to find a lever to make these work.

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[redacted] suggested this discussion be taken back to the clubs. She said the club members should be shown how they can discuss these issues with others.

"Phil Bart laughed and said, 'Don't expect to change the world, labor has its own ideas.'

[redacted] proposed:

"1. The report be adopted.

"2. Turn it over to a smaller committee with recommendations.
"The motion carried.

"The meeting then turned to the subject of the Press.

[redacted] read the notice on the press drive and said at a recent street meeting people welcomed them and asked them back. She said the first sub came in already from [redacted] from the 6th C.D. She said all party members must work on the press and not just a couple.

"Phil Bart announced they hoped soon to start the Worker on a twice weekly basis.

"This momentous announcement was greeted with loud clapping of hands and estatic sighs of joy by those present.

"Phil B. said the paper must be used to influence the left and trade unions. He gave tips on how to sell the paper.

[redacted] said he was very glad the paper was coming out twice a week.

[redacted] asked for details on what each club would do. Various pledges were made.

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[redacted] said the party should agree to bring George Morris into town with his new book. He announced a meeting of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee would be held on Sunday, May 28th at Town Hall at 8 P.M.

"The meeting then adjourned."

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AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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(1-100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)
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June 20, 1961

It was learned on June 20, 1961, that PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), has instructed that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, State Chairman, CP of Illinois, and MORRIS CHILDS, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, proceed to New York City for a special Party meeting scheduled to be held during the a.m. of Friday, June 23, 1961. BART did not make any mention regarding the purpose of this special meeting but indicated there was urgency in the matter that will be discussed.

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AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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June 21, 1961

On June 21, 1961, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, State Chairman, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, advised that in accordance with the request received from PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, he would proceed to New York City on Thursday evening, June 22, 1961, in order to attend the special meeting called by the National Office, CP, USA, for the a.m. of Friday, June 23, 1961.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
FACTIONALISM

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 19, 1961, that a meeting of the District Committee, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), New England District, was held on June 18, 1961, at Chelsea, Massachusetts.

The source advised that in the course of this meeting which was attended by PHILIP BART, member of the National Committee, CPUSA, ANNE BURLAK TIMPSON read a letter which she said HOMER BATES CHASE had written. She said that although the letter was addressed to the District Committee, the letter was never sent or directly received by the District Committee. She received her copy, she said, from a non-Party person who had been given the letter by CHASE. The letter contained strong criticism of herself, fellow District Committee members OTIS ARCHER HOOD and [redacted] and the National Committee, CPUSA, and cited Party mistakes on various issues, including the last Presidential election.

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Following the above, BART called CHASE the worst kind of a scoundrel and said he could not think of words bad enough to call him. BART said the Party has been more than patient with CHASE and that they should have thrown him out a long time ago. He said that the letter read by TIMPSON was only one of many written by CHASE and that such individual had even written to the French CP. He stated that in regard to the latter, the CPUSA had contacted the French CP and explained to them just what kind of a "character" he was so that they would ignore anything received from him.

BART then recommended that a three-man committee be established by the District Committee to review CHASE's activities since being placed on probation at the time of his removal, because of continued disruptive activity, as a member of the National Committee, CPUSA, at a meeting of that body in January, 1961, and to submit its recommendation as to any further action to be taken against CHASE at the next meeting of the District Committee scheduled for July 16, 1961.

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The source advised that [redacted] then spoke of attending a meeting on [redacted] at the home of [redacted] a [redacted] of [redacted] Dorchester, Massachusetts. [redacted] said that [redacted] by announcing his intention of forming a [redacted] Following what was described as a talk of some length by [redacted] said he took the floor and [redacted] by informing the seven individuals in attendance that he did not [redacted] and that he [redacted] further advised the [redacted] that when he asked those in attendance at the meeting, [redacted] he received no answer.

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The source advised that a motion to establish a three-man committee as suggested by BART was made and passed unanimously. However, following the designation by TIMPSON of the members of the District Committee who would serve on this committee, the membership of the committee was increased to four to include a yet unnamed member of the National Committee, CPUSA, following a comment by BART that actually a member of the National Committee would have to be on the committee because it was the National Committee who had placed CHASE on probation.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SAC, NY (100-9756) 6/22/61

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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 6/16/61, NY 2858-S* advised that on same date SADIE VAN VEEN (AMTER) had a brief discussion with PHIL BART at CP Headquarters, NYC. She asked BART to "help" her in connection with a trip she is planning to Trieste. She also mentioned that she was going to [redacted] farm within the next few days.

BART told her that he knew nothing concerning her trip, but would look into it and see what could be done.

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Above for information.

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New York, New York
June 23, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Re: Communist Party,
United States of America

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that on June 22, 1961, [redacted] of Broadcasting Magazine, made inquiry for the Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), however, Hall was not available and [redacted] was referred to Philip Hart, National Organizational Secretary of the CPUSA. [redacted] described his magazine as one concerned with the radio industry.

[redacted] went on to relate that a colleague in Chicago [redacted] advised him that Claude Lightfoot, who is chairman of the Illinois District of the CPUSA, was purchasing radio time for the Communist Party (CP) on Chicago stations and was also attempting to place newspaper ads. [redacted] explained that as a news magazine, his organization was very interested in the purchase of radio time by the CP and he asked Hart for details.

Hart replied that the Party had placed an ad in "The New York Times" in its issue of June 22, 1961, and space was also being bought in the "Washington Post" and the "National Guardian" and probably other papers. Hart also said that time had been sought on radio stations, but the Party had been refused by NBC, ABC, CBS and mutual networks. In response to a question by [redacted] Hart said that no approach had been made to individual stations. Upon being asked what the Party's resource would be, having been denied access by the four networks, Hart said the matter was being discussed with attorneys, but no decision had been reached.

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[redacted] asked whether on a proposed program a
solicitation of funds would be made. Hart said that the
same would be done as in "The New York Times" ad, the
Party's message would be conveyed. As to funds,
determined with the station and if permissible that
would be done. [redacted] asked if the Party contemplated
placing the matter before the Federal Communications
Commission and Hart said that that had not been decided.

In conclusion, [redacted] asked if the Party had
attempted to utilize television and Hart said that a
similar request had been met. Hart also said that the
Party as yet had not met any trouble in placing
newspaper advertisements and indicated that there would
be an attempt by people in various localities to place
ads for the Party.

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AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-4931)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
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(OO: NY)

There are transmitted herewith eight copies of a letterhead memorandum relating an inquiry made of PHILIP BART, National Organizational Secretary, CPUSA, by [redacted] of Broadcasting Magazine, who inquired of BART concerning efforts of the CPUSA to obtain radio and television time.

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The confidential source utilized is NY 2010-S*.

This memorandum has been classified "Confidential" because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

3 - Bureau (100-3)(Encls. 3)(RM)
1 - Chicago (100-33741)(Encl. 1)(RM)
1 - NY (100-56579)(PHILIP BART)(415)
1 - NY (100-4931)(415)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-9984) 6/26/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

ALBERT BLUMBERG
SM-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	6/12/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/12/61, PHIL (BART) contacted ALBERT (BLUMBERG) at AU 1-4948..PHIL asked what's new. AL said nothing..said his lawyer is going to study the decision..mentioned that he was convicted in 1956, but hasn't been sentenced..if he is sentenced, he then can make appeals..They then discussed the recent Supreme Court decisions and agreed that it was a severe blow..

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1-NY (100-9984)
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DATE: 6/26/61

Transmit the following via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
IS-C
(OO:NY)

ReNYtel, 6/10/61, reflecting that the CPUSA Review Commission would establish a skeleton underground apparatus for the purpose of maintaining Party communications.

On 6/25/61, CG 5824-S advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on 6/24/61, PHIL BART, CPUSA Organizational Secretary, in the informant's presence, requested HELEN WINTER to come to NY for a month to assist him in setting up the above-mentioned skeleton underground apparatus.

WINTER told BART that she could not spend a month in NY on this assignment, but that she would be willing to devote two weeks to it, only, however, after she and her husband had a vacation. She said she would have to confer with her husband regarding when they would take their vacation.

Extreme caution should be exercised with respect to dissemination of the information herein since, by its nature, it tends to identify CG 5824-S, a valuable informant as the source thereof. Unless this information is obtained from a source other than CG 5824-S, it should not be incorporated - even in paraphrased form - in the investigation section of a report.

4-Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
(1-100-3-94) (CPUSA UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS)
1-Chicago (134-46) (CG 5824-S) (INFO) (RM)
1-Detroit (100-) (HELEN WINTER) (RM)
1-NY 66-6989 (CG 5824-S) (41)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-97770) 6/23/61

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Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Characterization Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date 6/13/61

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NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/13/61, PHIL (BART) contacted [redacted] told him there's nothing new.. nothing has changed..(ANDY) is still in quarantine..said she is going to visit him sometime in July..plans to go once every 2 months..PHIL told her they've been pretty busy. discussed a possible appeal before one judge. [redacted] said that [redacted] called her last night. PHIL said he spoke to her too. PHIL said they're busy over the week end, but may see [redacted] next week. [redacted] wanted to speak to CONNIE, but she didn't come to the phone..PHIL said that CONNIE will call back.

1-NY (100-14899) (ANDY REMES) (422)
1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-97770) (422)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA 6/26/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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On 6/4/61, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation between PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the CP, USA, and his wife, CONNIE BART, which was held in their apartment at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY. Among the matters discussed were the following:

PHIL discussed his trip to Philadelphia that day. He commented that Sunday is a bad day as a lot of people are usually not at home. He said they tried to see as many people

10 - Philadelphia (RM)
(1 - 100-) [redacted]
(1 - 100) (JOE KUZMA)
(1 - 100-) [redacted] LNU)
(1 - 100-) [redacted] LNU)
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(1 - 100-) (FNU [redacted]
(1 - 100-) (FNU [redacted]
(1 - 100-) (FRANK FISHER)
1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1 - NY (100-) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (#415)
1 - New York (100-80641)

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as possible and they found that some of them had not read "The Worker" in years. He thought they did some good and that [redacted] has worked hard down there and is a real good organization Secretary.

PHIL said that this one woman they went to see, [redacted] (ph) was very happy to see them but that she said she is a member of the [redacted] which is real left. He said they then went to see [redacted] (ph), who are out because of the "right". He said in both cases the husbands were not at home which made it rather difficult. He said that [redacted] did not want to commit herself but he is sure they will get them both back. He said that [redacted] husband was at a special union meeting for a strike vote. He said they went to the Germantown area and there are a lot of Negroes moving in there.

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He said they then went to see [redacted] but he was not home. He said one person they saw was going out and told them she was not interested in "The Worker" any more.

He said they went to see the [redacted] although they were not on the list. At about 3:30 p.m. they went over to see JOE KUZMA and sat around for a while. He said all in all, the situation there is not too bad and there is still quite a bit of life left. He said [redacted] LNU told us that FRANK FISHER lived next store and has always persisted in trying to interest her in "The Worker". He said that he talked to [redacted] about labor and peace development and that she really ate it up.

The subject commented that he believed BILL FOSTER was in real bad shape and that it is only a matter of days. He said they will probably have to bring the body back to this country.

SAC, BOSTON 6/25/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-1[illegible])

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
IS-C; ISA-50
(CO: NY)

On 5/29/61, NY 2318-[illegible]*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PEGGY (DENNIS) contacted ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and told her that she was very pleased with her accommodations in NYC. ELIZABETH remarked that if PEGGY needs anything, she can call IRVING (POTASH) who is right there (Chelsea Hotel?) and will be glad to help her. PEGGY commented that she has not heard from IRVING so far. PEGGY and ELIZABETH agreed to get together later in the week and have dinner some evening.

On 5/30/61, NY 2318-[illegible]* advised that BOB (THOMPSON) contacted FLYNN and told her that he was very sorry that he had not answered the letter that ELIZABETH had written to him while she was on her trip. BOB explained that he has been busy working at store jobs, changing beauty parlors into bookstores and work of that nature. FLYNN seemed elated to hear that THOMPSON was gainfully employed and commented that some evening he could come down and "share a glass of Irish whisky with her." FLYNN informed THOMPSON that PEGGY DENNIS was staying at the Hotel Chelsea, NYC.

On 6/2/61, NY 2318-[illegible]* advised that PHIL BART in conversation with FLYNN, mentioned that there appeared to be a recurrence of WINNIE's (HENRY WINSTON) troubles, nothing definite but something that requires a test. The test is considered dangerous by some doctors and safe by others. It consists, according to BART, of putting some "dye" in the arteries and then taking x-rays. PEGGY says that the doctor

1-Boston (100-) (ANN BRAK) (RM)
1-New York (100-93790) (PEGGY DENNIS) (415)
1-New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-New York (100-27452) (BOB THOMPSON) (415)
1-New York (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON) (415)
1-New York (100-55579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-9355) (BILL [illegible]) (415)
1-New York (100-1[illegible]) (415)
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who did the original "thing" wants to examine WINSTON before making a decision onthe test. However, the doctor has stipulated that he will not make the examination in prison and that it must be made in his office.

On 6/4/61, NY 2318-J* advised that ANNE BURLAK (ph) contacted FLYNN and stated that she was leaving for Boston on that date. She told FLYNN that she had a wonderful trip (to Russia?) but that there is some bad news about BILL (FOSTER). ANNE said it is just a matter of days and that the doctors state that it is hopeless. ANNE mentioned that they had sent for his family who had arrived on June 1 (in Moscow). FLYNN commented that he is 80 years old and you cannot expect a person to live forever. ANNE commented that one of the few complaints she had regarding her trip was that she did not receive her mail while she was there due to a slip-up and that all her mail was returned to the U.S.

SAC, DETROIT 6/26/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-1696)

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
IS-C; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

On 6/5/61, NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN in conversation with PHIL BART on this date, stated that in the event WILLIAM Z. FOSTER should die, a decision must be made as to what to do with the body. FLYNN suggested cremation and burying the ashes. She commented that it would not be proper for FOSTER to be buried there (in Russia) and BART agreed, stating that "this is his homeland." BART commented that the matter would have to be discussed (with CP officers).

BART and FLYNN also discussed the Supreme Court decision which was rendered on that date, effecting the CP and both expressed disgust and amazement that the decision had gone against the CP. FLYNN commented that she thought it would be well if CARL (WINTER) was put in charge of the fight (in defense) because he had done that before and he knows "his onions."

1-Detroit (100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (RM)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
1-New York (100-1696)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) 6/26/61

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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On 6/3/61, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation between PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the CP, USA, and his wife, CONNIE BART, which was held in their apartment at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY. Among the matters discussed were the following:

PHIL BART mentioned to his wife CONNIE the situation concerning EDNA WINSTON and the placing of her children in camp. He said that apparently the WINSTONs have a dog which will also have to be taken care of and she wants to have them sent to a camp where they will take dogs. He said this is going to cost the Party about $500.00 extra for a dog.

He then complained about ARNOLD JOHNSON and the fact that he does not do anything and that he is sick and tired of the situation. He said the other day GUS HALL gave him a bill for legal fees and he told HALL to give it to JOHNSON when he "gets back". He said that JOHNSON was put on this defense job six months ago and has yet to do a thing.

1 - NY (100-78589) (EDNA WINSTON) (#415)
1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1 - NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (#415)
1 - NY (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (#415)
1 - NY (100-16221) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (#415)
1 - NY (100-15828) (JOE BRANDT) (#424)
1 - NY (100-56) (MIKE DAVIDOW) (#422)
1 - NY (100-13482) (BETTY GANNETT) (#414)
1 - NY (101-559) (JESUS COLON) (#415)
1 - NY (100-81675) (CP-PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (#415)
1 - New York (100-80641)

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BART then criticized HALL's method of operation and some of his "friends". He said that JOE BRANDT is GUS's "errand boy" and that MIKE DAVIDOW is also one of his "flunkies". He said that GUS operates at times as though he were a "section organizer in Youngstown again".

PHIL then mentioned the Education Commission meeting they had at which BETTY GANNETT suggested the Party put out a fact sheet monthly. He said that this would be used for the purpose of argument and he thinks it is a good idea. He said that St. Louis, Chicago and Seattle have been doing this for sometime.

He said they they are also proposing a two page paper in Spanish looking towards recruiting in the Puerto Rican element. He said they proposed getting our 500 subscriptions at $1.00 per year. He said they figure they can get out a professionally mimeographed issue made up at the cost of $25.00 per month. CONNIE commented that at the affair for JESUS (COLON) it would be a good place to announce this development. BART agreed to this.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-18672) 6/26/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

MAX WEISS
SM-C

Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Characterization Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date 6/12/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/12/61, PHIL (BART) contacted [redacted] MAX [redacted] .asked if MAX has heard anything.. MAX said he hasn't any news..PHIL said that JOHN ABT is in Europe and is expected back Thursday..PHIL mentioned that CLAUDE is supposed to hear at a further date..the U.S. Attorney asked for a postponement until November..CLAUDE faces a new trial based on instructions of the Appeals Court..PHIL told MAX that the Party is supposed to register by August 9 and the officers 10 days later..PHIL mentioned Attorney General KENNEDY's statement in yesterday's "Times"..where KENNEDY specifically mentioned the Soviet Union..and saying he is going to proceed (with the cases)..etc.. They then discussed "active membership"..saying that the Department of Justice wants a yardstick to use for per cent of time spent in "activity"..they asked for 50 % of the time..PHIL said that as far as he knows, the Government hasn't moved on any of the membership cases..thinks they are going to work on the Mc Carren first.. MAX asked what the reaction has been. PHIL said not too much from the public.. and some editorials are starting to come in..added that it's going to be a long hard battle and there are going to be some casualties.

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1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-18672)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 6/26/61

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	6/12/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/12/61, (PHIL BART) contacted LENA (SCHERER).. to confirm that he will see her tomorrow..LENA said she'll be there (at the office) a little after 5..

1-NY (100-34665) (LENA SCHERER) (422)
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-55704)

DOROTHY HEALEY
IS-C
(CO: Los Angeles)

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	6/16/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/1[illegible]/61, JACK KLING contacted PHILIP CONNELLY stating his name and asking CONNELLY if he remembers him and asked him if the name means anything to him. CONNELLY said that he wasn't sure. KLING said that he saw DOROTHY (HEALEY) on Tuesday morning and asked if it made sense now. CONNELLY said that it did. KLING said that he saw DOROTHY and she asked him to call and to say hello. KLING said that he just came in the other night and when he left her she thought she had been hoping that she might be back this weekend although she wasn't sure of it, but counting on it. KLING said that she was having a wonderful rest and feels good. KLING said that he just wanted to say hello for her. CONNELLY asked KLING if he was going to be around for a day or two, but KLING said that he is trying to get a plane out today and he has to call at noon. CONNELLY said that he appreciated the call and KLING said that she would probably give him a call as soon as she gets in.

2-Los Angeles (RM)
1-Chicago (100-) (JACK KLING) (RM)
1-New York (100-55579) (PHIL BA[illegible]) (415)
1-New York (100-) (PHIL [illegible] CONNELLY)
1-New York (100-55704)
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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Mat
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC, BOSTON (100-7908) DATE: June 27, 1961

FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
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Date received	Received from (name or symbol number)	Received by
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Date of Report 6/12/61

Date(s) of activity [redacted]

Brief description of activity or material

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File where original is located if not attached [redacted]

Remarks: In view of sensitivity of this informant the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of the informant who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Informant's written report follows:

"Sunday, [redacted] went to the G. & G. Restaurant, Blue Hill Ave. in Dorchester to meet [redacted] At 10:00 P.M., [redacted] called [redacted] said he was sorry that he and [redacted] were unable to contact Fall River in time but the D. C. meeting was posponed until the following Sunday [redacted] said PHIL BART was unable to come down this week and but will be able to come next week. [redacted] asked [redacted] to come to [redacted] to his home. At his home [redacted] explained that the purpose of this D. C. meeting was to have a National representative present. [redacted] said that the N.E.C.P. will be instructed what to do or what not to do regarding the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision by PHIL BART. [redacted] said that it was his opinion that the decision has several legal flaws regarding the safe guard of American citizens guaranteed by the constitution. [redacted] indicated that possibly a new name for the party would solve this problem. [redacted] said all party members would know the answer by next week from the party leadership.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] is writing and contacting many C.P. members - condemning [redacted] & [redacted] and urging the C.P. to oust [redacted] and retain [redacted] said [redacted] has moved to Boston and is working -- and that [redacted] wife is in the hospital very sick with one bad lung and another infected. [redacted] said that [redacted] is holding regular meetings with his backers and are calling themselves the real communists dedicated in fighting American imperialism.

[redacted] said [redacted] is vicious in his attacks on the N.E.C.P., leadership and is really going all out to organize a group strong enough to oust the present leadership.

[redacted] told [redacted] that he was very glad that [redacted] had carried out his assignment in the labor front as suggested by [redacted]

[redacted] said that he is not up to date on labor and that the party was very fortunate in having [redacted] who is very close to all labor issues in New England. [redacted] praised HOFFA and said that HOFFA is the only top level labor leader who is constantly fighting for the depressed workers. [redacted] said that it will be only a question of time before all top level labor leaders will follow HOFFA."

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The recent Supreme Court decision referred to by the informant is the U. S. Supreme Court decision on the constitutionality of the Subversive Activities Control Act requiring registration of CP members.

The informant has previously identified [redacted] as [redacted] and [redacted] as [redacted].

SAC, NEW YORK (100-78589) 6/28/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

EDNA WINSTON
IS-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	6/3/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/3/61, PHIL (BART) contacted [redacted] at PR 2-8645. [redacted] said that his wife was there and that she was going in later. [redacted] said he talked to his wife and she said she would talk to PHIL, but would rather talk to him from the office. PHIL said the reason he called was because he wanted to talk to her before he talked to EDNA (WINSTON). [redacted] said he can tell PHIL right now that she is all for it. PHIL asked if he can tell EDNA that for sure. [redacted] stated the board of directors must decide and they meet Monday night and it is pretty certain as she is going to fight for it. PHIL asked if he should bother calling her. [redacted] said it isn't necessary to call his wife then. PHIL said to tell her he left a message at her office to call him. [redacted] said okay and that she said that PHIL should call her at the office on Monday. PHIL said okay he would call [redacted] Monday at the office.

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[redacted] said the only thing is that [redacted] told him he wants some money left for something else and she is going to fight for them to stay all summer instead of four week. PHIL said yes, it should be especially for the younger one. PHIL stated the important thing is July as he told him. [redacted] said

1-NY (100-56579) (BUTT BARM) (415)
1-NY (100-66708) [redacted] (422)
1-NY (100-73515) [redacted] (41)
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that doesn't matter to the camp which month, if it comes in July, she will try to raise the question about them staying the whole summer if that is what EDNA wants. PHIL said she wants all summer, said the thing is about him, it is a serious case, [redacted] said he means physically. PHIL stated yes, he had reoccurence, don't know what it means, it may be serious and it may no, the specialist who operated says he will not examine him unless they release him from the hospital and send him to his office, so now the fight with the government is to take him to his office. It isn't like a private patient, and then the fight is to get his release. PHIL said he will be in touch with [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY (100-) DATE: 6/28/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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ReNYlet dated 6/22/61, captioned as above, reporting information furnished to the Bureau by airtels dated 6/11/61 and 6/12/61 concerning meeting of the CPUSA National Executive Committee and invited guests at CP headquarters, NYC, on 6/10/61 and 6/11/61.

Through inadvertence, there was omitted from referenced letter the fact that the information therein concerning the meeting of 6/10/61 had been furnished to SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on 6/10/61 by CG 5824-S*, and that the information concerning the meeting of 6/11/61 had been furnished by the said informant to the aforementioned agent on 6/12/61.

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New York, New York
June 29, 1961

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Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 28, 1961, that a meeting of the National Board and invited guests of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) was held in Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, New York City, on that date. Among those in attendance were:

Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA
Phil Bart, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA
Jack Stachel, member of the National Committee (NC), CPUSA
Betty Gannett, Organizational Secretary and Educational Director, New York District (NYD), CPUSA
Will Weinstone, member of NC, CPUSA
Irving Potash, Labor Secretary, CPUSA
Ben Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA
William L. Patterson, Vice Chairman, NYD, CPUSA
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, chairman, CPUSA
James Jackson, member of NC, CPUSA
Danny Rubin, National Youth Director, CPUSA

Discussion took place on the possibility of the CP running candidates for public office. It was conceded that if the Party were to run a candidate, it must get support from the "left forces." Regarding

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Re: Communist Party,
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the New York City mayoralty election, it was stated that the split in the Democratic Party might make it possible to get a "left liberal party" in a powerful combination.

Jack Stachel was of the opinion that the Party should try to get a Negro candidate for the primary campaign because in his opinion the Negro and Puerto Rican voters will have a large voice in the New York City mayoralty election.

Ben Davis said he was all in favor of Party candidates and said a determined fight should be made because of the "McCarran Act" as well as to show that the Party will not give up any of its constitutional rights.

William Weinstone in summarizing said that "we" are in agreement that while waiting for further developments, apparently in New York City, attempts should be made to put a left progressive candidate "in the field" and further consideration should be given to running Party candidates.

Gus Hall stated that the next few months offer unlimited possibilities for the Party to present its case to the people via television interviews, radio, magazines and newspapers. Hall recommended hiring a full time public relations director for some three or four months to do everything possible to take advantage of these opportunities.

Gus Hall next gave a report on the Berlin situation. He said the Party should keep this question in focus from now until it is resolved. Hall felt that it will be in the forefront for sometime, it will not be postponed but will be brought to a head for solution in one way or another.

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Hall said the Berlin question is not an easy one for the Party to handle. He said Berlin cannot continue in its present status due to the build-up of West Germany as an armed camp. The solution of Berlin, therefore, becomes a burning question.

He said there is disagreement in the United States on this question which is indicated by editorials in "The New York Times" during the past month showing a lack of agreement on policy as regards Berlin.

Continuing Hall remarked that there is also disagreement in the Kennedy Administration and this has held the administration back from taking a clear cut stand. He said the Party should seize upon all these questions, including the statement of Senator Mansfield regarding the idea of uniting the two cities because this is not a realistic approach.

Hall said that the Party should emphasize the realistic and minimum position of the Soviet Union. He said there is no idea of taking the city over and making it part of the East German system. It would be a free city and not a bastion of war for the western powers.

Hall emphasized that the Party has to find the arguments in order to convince the people in the United States of the necessity of negotiation and find where the self-interest of the American people lies. He said the main argument is that it is a hotbed of war and a danger to world peace. These arguments have to be developed and given to broad forces. The second line of attack should be against the nature of the West German government, the idea of revenge and the historic role of the military caste in Germany.

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Transmit the following AIRTEL - PLAIN TEXT

Via REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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There are transmitted herewith ten copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting of the National Board and invited guests of the CPUSA held in NYC, 6/28/61.

The confidential source utilized was NY 2359-S*.

This memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHIL BARR
IS-C; IDA-50; SA-40
(Weekly Summary 6/26-7/2/61)
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6/26/61

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had told his wife that he would not be home until very late that evening and that she should not stay up for him.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, had discussed the current political situation in NYC, and the possible candidates for office. Source advised that the subject stated he was very tired and was going to bed early.

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NY 1750-S* advised the subject and his wife had discussed the possibilities of their taking their vacations simultaneously. The subject stated he was not sure he'd even be able to take a week off, in spite of the fact that they got a 'breathing spell' from the decision of the Supreme Court.

NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been present at a meeting of the CP National Board, held at CP Headquarters. The highlight of this meeting was a report on the Berlin situation given by GUS HALL. (NY airtel to Bureau, 6/29/61, "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION.")

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had a discussion of political matters and both agreed that it would be very difficult for anyone to get someone to sign a CP petition, at this time.

Source advised that later the subject commented to his wife regarding the "affair" held the previous day to commemorate the death of ALAN MAX (former "Daily Worker" columnist). He commented that it was quite a gathering and something that does not happen except "once in a century." He said among others who were present were EARL BROWDER, ABE UNGER and SI GERSON.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife were very elated over the release of HENRY WINSTON from jail. The subject stated that WINSTON "looks wonderful" and that he can recognize people by their voices. He said that the same old smile and warmth is there. He commented that WINSTON was meeting his wife that evening at the home of GEORGE WATT.

The subject continued that the Party actually got the news of WINSTON'S release because "La Prensa" had picked up the story and had called JOHN ABT who had not heard about it. ABT then in turn called Washington and later WINSTON who had not even been told. He said GUS (HALL) then went up to drive WINSTON back and they took him out to a big lobster dinner and he, himself, went out and bought about $20.'s worth of clothes for him.

The subject said that United Press had called and asked about WINSTON'S wife and family and any details about them. He said he evaded giving any answers because the whole situation is a "family affair." He commented that "WINNIE" shows nothing but good qualities whereas his wife, EDNA, is nothing but bad.

NY 1749-S* advised that an unsub male, believed to be HENRY WINSTON, had contacted the subject's wife, CONNIE, and talked to her. She told him that he sounds just like he used to and was very happy that he called. The subject then got on the phone and stated that they were at the Chelsea and that he would be home in a short while.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had told his wife that HENRY WINSTON was staying in Room 330 (at the hotel).

NY 1749-S* advised that DANNY RUBIN had contacted the subject and they spoke about a number of matters which were not too clear to the source. Subject asked DANNY if he were going to Philadelphia that weekend and DANNY said that he was. The subject told DANNY to tell the people down there to send greetings to WINSTON. He commented that he, himself, was staying there now with WINSTON and that they had made arrangements that a different person would each spend a full day with him.

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NY 1749-S* advised the subject's wife, CONNIE, had contacted the subject at Room 330 at the Chelsea Hotel and asked him if he had gotten a good night's rest. The subject said that he had and that they were presently preparing breakfast. CONNIE said that she would come by about 10:30. She then spoke with WINSTON, who asked her to look up a phone number for him in the Brooklyn phone directory.

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New York, New York
July 5, 1961

Bufile 100-3-69

Re: Communist Party, United States of America - Organization

On July 5, 1961, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported the following information.

On June 29, 1961, a long discussion was held between Phil Bart, James Allen, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) functionaries, and Pat Toohey, Chairman, New Jersey Communist Party (NJCP), regarding the internal political situation in the CPUSA and in New Jersey specifically.

Bart informed Toohey that the national leaders of the CPUSA set-up had assigned James Allen to attend the NJCP State Board meeting that evening to give Toohey "a hand" in the expected show-down with Lottie and Davie Gordon, Dave Vines and Lou Moroze.

Bart stated the "leftists" in New York are being pressed to the wall and had suffered several defeats the past week at various meetings.

He said their effort to attack and underline the national CP "line" is exposing them as defeatists, in panic, proposing the dissolution of the CPUSA which the CP membership rejects. They are being exposed as exponents of running deep into an underground because of fear, isolation from the masses and general sectarianism.

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Weinstone, Lumer and Jackson entered the discussion intermittently. Weinstone violently demanded "the head" of the Gordon crowd. He demanded they be "thrown out" forthwith. Weinstone has a great personal animosity toward them because the "New Jersey leftists" did not vote for him for the National Committee at the last national convention. As Weinstone failed of election by one vote, he holds Lottie Gordon and [redacted] accountable for his defeat. Weinstone was chided that throwing them out was easier said than done. Weinstone inquired whether it is not likely that [redacted] Toohey answered that only God, [redacted] and the FBI could answer the question. Weinstone called [redacted] a most shifty, suspicious and furitive character and would not be surprised that his "line" was due to his being an FBI plant.

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The tenor of the entire discussion was the need of lashing out against the New Jersey leftists, and aiming toward their total elimination.

Bart advised Toohey that important leaders and personalities had been seen in England, France, Italy and Sweden, including members of Parliament, Social Democratic leaders, labor leaders. Among these were such figures as Fenner Brockway (England), the new Secretary of the Italian Socialist Party (who recently replaced Pietro Nenni) and similar figures.

He stated that the "line" of defiance and fight for legality was warmly applauded by these people as it gave them a handle to work with. However, had CPUSA adopted a "run-underground" line these liberals, social democrats and big international figures could not, and would not help the CP in any way.

Bart said this was a devastating answer to the leftists who press to narrow down the basis of support by a sectarian run-away line.

Bart stated they had "word" from Europe that at the recent North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) conference

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the American representatives had suffered a great unpublicized defeat. These USA representatives sought hard to enlist the other NATO nations to follow the lead of the USA in launching a violent attack against domestic Communist Parties, but that British Laborites, Scandinavian Social-Democrats, Italian and French Socialists and others would not go along.

Bart again discussed with Toohey in great detail the reorganization of the leadership and clubs toward a "new identification" and type of underground functioning much along the line of previous discussions. He stated that "next week" the national set-up would be able to more precisely discuss with Toohey the methods and plans for the Clubs. He said that this question was "most complex," that a lot of time was being spent on it so as to come up with the most fool-proof set-up, but that by next week he felt enough would be determined to relate it to Toohey.

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SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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Attached hereto are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

The source of the information in memorandum is [redacted] who furnished a written report on 7/5/61, by mail.

This letterhead memorandum is classified "Confidential" in view of the fact that the information contained therein was secured from a confidential informant of continuing value under circumstances whereby the disclosure of the information might reveal the informant's identity and impair his future effectiveness which would seriously affect the national defense interests of the country.

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CLARENCE HATHAWAY
IS-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	6/24/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/24/61, (CONNIE BART) contacted CLARENCE [redacted] at Chelsea 3-7444. CLARENCE answered the phone and confirmed that he saw "the expert" (apparently meaning doctor) today. They discussed this a bit and CLARENCE indicated that this doctor (possibly a specialist) said that it's not so serious. CLARENCE told CONNIE that he is going to get in touch with (Dr.) BELSKY and give BELSKY his verdict on Monday. CLARENCE indicated that that will be the decisive thing as he told CONNIE that this doctor didn't tell him much except to encourage CLARENCE that it wasn't too serious in his judgement. CLARENCE indicated the man recommended asprins for him.

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CONNIE then asked if [redacted] knows what she is going to do tomorrow. CLARENCE replied negatively and said he will let CONNIE speak t[redacted] because maybe CONNIE can arrange something with her.

CONNIE and [redacted] again discussed CLARENCE's visit to the doctor today. CONNIE then asked if [redacted] has figured out what she is going to do tomorrow. [redacted] replied in the

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negative and asked what the BARTS are going to do. CONNIE replied that "we're going." [redacted] asked at what time the BARTS are going and CONNIE replied that it will probably be around noon or thereabouts. [redacted] then asked what time the BARTS would pick up "LENA and MARCEL" (SCHERER). CONNIE replied that she told them that she would call them when the BARTS are leaving, but added that it will be around that time. CONNIE then corrected herself, telling [redacted] that "we'll have to be down there around that time then - so we'll be leaving down there around twelve or a little after maybe." [redacted] then suggested that when CONNIE called "them" (LENA and MARCEL) she should also call [redacted] said that if she feels able to go she will, and that, if not, (she will tell CONNIE). CONNIE then indicated that the thing is that if [redacted] doesn't go "then the seat is postpo..." (unfinished). [redacted] told CONNIE that she had better take someone else then as she confirmed she doesn't feel up to it. CONNIE said she would like to have [redacted] along and finally said that she will speak to [redacted] again in the morning anyway and that [redacted] can let her know one way or the other then.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-91418) 7/10/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

JUNIUS SCALES
SM-C

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Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	6/24/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/24/61, (PHIL) BART tried to contact (JUNIUS) SCALES, at RIverside 9-5237. He asked if Mr. SCALES was home. The woman who answered the phone, replied in the negative and asked who is calling. PHIL gave his last name and the woman told PHIL she expects SCALES around 6:00. PHIL asked whom he is talking to and the woman said she is Mrs. SCALES' mother. PHIL then asked if SCALES is going to be in any time in the evening. The woman replied she doesn't know. PHIL said he would try SCALES later.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-95704)

DOROTHY HEALEY
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(OO: Los Angeles)

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	6/16/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/16/61, JACK KLING contacted PHILIP CONNELLY, stating his name and asking CONNELLY if he remembered him and asked him if the name meant anything to him. CONNELLY said he wasn't sure. KLING said he saw DOROTHY (HEALEY) on Tuesday morning and asked if it made sense now. CONNELLY said that it did. KLING said he saw DOROTHY and she asked him to call and to say hello. KLING stated he just came in the other night and when he left her she thought she had been hoping that she might be back this week end although she wasn't sure of it, but counting on it. KLING said she was having a wonderful rest and feels good. KLING said he just wanted to say hello for her.

CONNELLY asked KLING if he was going to be around for a day or two, but KLING said that he is trying to get a plane out today and he has to call at noon. CONNELLY said that he appreciated the call and KLING said that she would probably give him a call as soon as she gets in.

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A copy of informant's report follows:

NY 100-26603-C1934

Date of report May 20, 1961

The [redacted] Communist Party, held a regular meeting on [redacted] at [redacted] house, [redacted] Ave.

The following people attended this meeting. [redacted] came in later, just arriving from, Grossingers after spending four days up there as a guest of a friend.

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[redacted] read the agenda as, dues, sustaining fund, Worker, announcements, and report.

[redacted] and [redacted] paid dues and sustaining fund.

On announcements [redacted] passed out leaflets and petitions on the closing of Fordham Hospital and urged everyone to write, telegram, the mayor, leading people in our community, Assemblymen, Senators, Congressmen, to protest vigorously the closing, as recommended by Mayor WAGNER of Fordham Hospital.

A discussion followed and here, as in the County Councils meeting all aspects of the hospital were discussed and even though the hospital is overcrowded, does not give good service, even in an emergency, nevertheless it should not be closed until another hospital is built in this area.

This hospital, as bad as it is helps thousands of people in this East Bronx area in one year and the closing down will cause undue hardship to the people. The excuse that other hospitals will assume the responsibility of caring for the sick and injured if Fordham is closed is another poor reason for closing it, the other hospitals can ill afford to take care of the many hundreds now, let alone the ones in Fordham now.

A massive action must be undertaken now, by our people to see to it that the needs of the people in the East Bronx

are increased rather than decreased.

On the press [redacted] reported that PHIL BART attended the County Councils meeting and spoke on the status of the Worker. The report was not a satisfactory one, the paper is not increasing its circulation, subs are not coming in as they should, even though we are in the midst of a sub drive, the prospect of establishing a daily paper is not so good, even though by July 4, a bi_ weekly paper will be published.

In order to accompolish this we must undertake to increase the circulation of the Worker, there are many ways this can be done, through subs, new readers, increase sales of the paper at the corner newsstand, increase bundle orders, contacting old subscribers, former Party people, sympathizers, distributing in mass organizations etc.

In line with this PHIL announced that on Sun. June 4, the Worker will hold a national mobilization day, around the distribution and sale of the Worker, everyone is to take an active part, selling, distributing, canvassing contacting newstands and any other way that will bring the paper into the hands of the people.

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Each club will work out ways and means of doing this and here in this area the Tremont Club will merge with the Nat Richman Club and plan a method of distributing the paper in our East Bronx area.

[redacted] explained that tonight we were supposed to meet together with the Nat Richman Club at the Cultural Center on Boston Rd. and 174 St. but due to the forgetfullness of [redacted] who re-scheduled his club meeting for Wed. May 17, instead of tonight, the joint meeting was called off. [redacted] was contacted to cancel the appointment made with [redacted] for tonight and try and arrange with her for Thursday night _ June 1.

The last and most important point was the Cuba meeting on Thursday_ May 25. [redacted] explained the setting up of the committee, made up of members of the County Councils and a few people of the Allerton Club, to arrange a meeting on Cuba. The organization that was best fitted to sponsor this meeting was the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. This committee even though it is controlled mainly by Trotskites, is a well know_ committee and has the following of the Cuban people.

They were contacted and agreed to sponsor the meeting speakers were contacted, [redacted] from the Guardian, [redacted] from the July 26 Movement and possibly a community Reverend. The hall was obtained, Hunts Point Palace, main hall, and leaflets were going to be printed.

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These leaflets must be distributed and this club has assumed the responsibility to distribute them at the Simpson St. Sta. of the East Side subway. The other clubs in the Bronx will distribute them at other subway stations, also the Hunts Point station of the Pelham Line.

These leaflets must be widely distributed, among the Spanish speaking people, we want them there mainly, but we ourselves must attend along with our friends,neighbors and sympathizers.

Admission will be free and a collection would be taken up to cover the cost of running the meeting.

This is one of the few meetings that a committee of the Bronx County Councils is sponsoring and we must insure its success by attending ourselves, and bringing others, and by distributing the leaflets.

[redacted] said that she was attending a meeting on Friday night and if he got the leaflets then, he could bring some up to [redacted] Ave. and she will distribute some there.

[redacted] promised to bring the leaflets to the meeting if he got them then.

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The next meeting was tentatively set for June 1, Thursday, in conjunction with the Nat Richman Club at the Cultural Club, pending confirmation by [redacted] as to whether [redacted] is available or not.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) June 30, 1961

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant's statement dated June 26, 1961, containing information orally furnished on June 26, 1961, to SAS RICHARD W. HANSEN and [redacted] by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This information was reduced to writing on June 30, 1961. b6 b7C

2-Bureau (Enc. 2)(RM)
2-Detroit (RM)
(1-100-13740 (HELEN WINTER)
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(1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
(1-100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)
(1-100-96985 (CP, USA - Underground)
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June 26, 1961

During the week end of June 24, 1961, PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), MORRIS CHILDS, and HELEN WINTER met in New York City. At this time BART asked HELEN WINTER to come into the National Office for a month to work on the preparation of a skeleton organization.

In response to BART's suggestion, WINTER stated that she would come in and spend a couple of weeks on this matter. However, when she would be able to do this depended upon when CARL WINTER, her husband, planned to take his vacation. She left the impression that she and CARL intended to travel to the New England area for their vacation and that after its conclusion she would be available to come into New York City and do the work requested by BART.

Comments and Opinions

The skeleton organization referred to by HART deals with the formulation and preparation of plans in connection with the setting up of a type of apparatus that will deal with enabling the Party to continue its operations under any conditions. In view of this, it would appear that HELEN WINTER will be playing an important part in these organizational activities and is a logical suspect as a future participant in activities which might involve CP, USA, underground activities.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-4486) DATE: 7/3/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-133132)

SUBJECT: DOROTHY HEALEY
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By NYairtel, 6/24/61, captioned "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION; IS-C," the Bureau was advised as follows:

On 6/24/61, CG 5824-S furnished the following information to SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON.

1-Los Angeles (100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALEY) (RM) (Pgs. 2, 4)
1-Boston (100-775) (HOMER CHASE) (RM) (Pg. 4)
2-Chicago (100-3740) (MORRIS CHILDS) (RM) (Pgs. 2, 3)
(1-61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (Pg. 2)
2-Detroit (100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (RM) (Pg. 2)
(1-100-) (HELEN WINTER) (Pgs. 3, 4)
1-Newark (100-35106) (LOTTIE GORDON) (RM) (Pg. 4)
1-Philadelphia (65-1686) (TOM NABRIED) (RM) (Pgs. 3, 4)
1-NY 66-6989 (INV.) (CG 5824-S) (41)
1-NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415) (Pgs. 2, 4)
1-NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415) (Pg. 2)
1-NY 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER) (415) (Pg. 2)
1-NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415) (Pg. 2)
1-NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (415) (Pg. 2)
1-NY 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (415) (Pgs. 2, 3)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415) (Pgs. 2, 3)
1-NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (415) (Pg. 2)
1-NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (415) (Pg. 2)
1-NY 100-32826 (JAMES ALLEN) (415) (Pg. 2)
1-NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (414) (Pgs. 2, 4)
1-NY 100-15946 (JAMES TORMEY) (422) (Pg. 2)
1-NY 100-73561 (ABE UNGER) (414) (Pgs. 3, 4)
1-NY 100-128814 (CPUSA NYD ORGANIZATION) (414)
1-NY 100-129802 (CPUSA COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM) (41)
1-NY 100-34665 (LENA SCHERER) (422) (Pg. 3)
1-NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (415) (Pg. 3)

1-NY 100-5106 (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414) (pg. 4)
1-NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (414) (pg. 4)
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On 6/23/61, an enlarged meeting of the CPUSA National Board was held in a conference room (Room 1622) of the Statler-Hilton Hotel, NYC. Present were the following:

GUS HALL
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
HYMAN LUMER
JACK STACHEL
CARL WINTER
IRVING POTASH
MORRIS CHILDS
DOROTHY HEALEY
WILLIAM WEINSTONE
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
PHIL BART
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.
JAMES JACKSON
JAMES ALLEN
BETTY GANNETT
JAMES TORMEY

The highlights of the said meeting were a discussion of the defense of the CP, and an informational report submitted by DOROTHY HEALEY regarding her recent trip to the Soviet Union. HEALEY's report was almost identical with the report concerning the same subject matter furnished to CG 5824-S by JACK KLING and already reported by CG 5824-S in Chicago.

With regard to the defense of the Party, GUS HALL pointed out that the Supreme Court stay did not materially change the problems of the Party arising from the anti-Communist Supreme Court decisions. It is only a postponement of action against the Party by the government, which "will get around the court's stay."

HALL stated that the stay must be considered, however, a Party victory, if only a temporary one. Credit, therefore, must be given to the Party's lawyers.

During the meeting, a statement for the press was prepared, describing the court stay as "a partial victory for the people who are defending themselves against an untenable law."

In view of the court stay, it was decided to postpone for four or five weeks the giant defense conference of groups opposed to the anti-Communist Supreme Court decisions, that had been scheduled tentatively for 8/5/61, in NYC.

Before the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m., it was decided that ABE UNGER's proposal that the Party be dissolved was "an act of provocation which could not be ignored and for which UNGER must be punished." Exception was taken particularly to his use of the words "circumventing the law" in connection his proposal.

The matter was referred to the CPUSA Review Commission for punitive action.

Following the above-described CPUSA National Board meeting, a meeting of the CPUSA National Review Commission was held at the home of LENA SCHERER. Present were the following:

LENA SCHERER
HELEN WINTER
WILLIAM WEINSTONE
ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG
THOMAS NABRIED
MORRIS CHILDS
PHIL BART

The highlight of this meeting was the suspension from the Party of ABE UNGER pending further hearings on the charges against him. UNGER was contacted telephonically and requested to appear at the office of "The Worker" for further hearing. UNGER declined to go to the office of "The Worker," suggesting that the hearing be held instead at his home.

The Review Commission's suspension of UNGER

will be reported to the NY District of the CPUSA upon the completion of a meeting of the said district's committee at Adelphi Hall, NYC, on 6/24/61. BETTY GANNETT and WILLIAM PATTERSON will be given an oral report of the Review Commission's suspension of UNGER. The purpose of reporting UNGER's suspension after the completion of the NY District meeting is to avoid pro-UNGER factions employing the UNGER matter to upset the aforesaid meeting.

The Review Commission will send a subcommittee to New England to suspend, in cooperation with the New England CP, HOMER CHASE. Either HELEN WINTER or THOMAS NABRIED will have this assignment.

The subcommittee also will be sent to NJ "to deal with the LOTTIE GORDON Group."

CG 5824-S further reported that in a private discussion with GUS HALL, the latter expressed considerable annoyance with the Soviets, who, according to DOROTHY HEALEY, have been critical of the CPUSA's handling of its affairs. HALL referred particularly to the Soviets' inquiring "Why CLARENCE HATHAWAY continues to remain in the NY CP."

Details regarding the matters mentioned above will be furnished by CG 5824-S to the Chicago Office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18963) DATE: 7-6-61

FROM : SA RICHARD W. HANSEN

SUBJECT: CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - FACTIONALISM
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EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OR REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THIS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT IT NOT BE SET FORTH IN THE INVESTIGATIVE SECTION OF ANY REPORT UNLESS AND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT HAS BEEN CORROBORATED AND EVEN THEN IN A PARAPHRASED FORM.

The information appearing on the attached pages was orally furnished on June 27, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on July 5, 1961.

2-Detroit (RM)
(1-100-13740 (HELEN WINTER)
(1-100-13420 (CARL WINTER)
3-New York (RM)
(1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
(1-100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
(1-100-74560 (CP, USA - Funds)
10-Chicago
(1-A)134-46)
(1-100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)
(1-100-2748 (SAM KUSHNER)
(1- 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
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(1-100-12459 (FLO HALL)
(1-100-12789 (GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT)
(1-100-17769 (CP, Illinois District - Funds)
(1-100-18953 (CP, Illinois District - Organization)
(1-100-34408 (CP, USA - Intelligence Summary, National Committee Members)

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June 27, 1961

On June 27, 1961, MORRIS CHILDS and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, State Chairman, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, were observed and overheard carrying on a private confidential discussion.

During the course of this discussion, CHILDS was heard to make reference to a meeting recently held in New York City between himself, PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, and HELEN WINTER of Detroit, at which time WINTER had raised the point that she had heard that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT grabs whatever money is available in the Illinois District and uses it for his own needs, leaving only a signed voucher to account for it.

BART at the time defended LIGHTFOOT's right to use such District funds. According to BART, he and LIGHTFOOT had an agreement that LIGHTFOOT could take such funds to cover his travel and other expenses in connection with his work in the National Negro Commission.

CHILDS noted that the matter referred to above was discussed at no other place in the Party than at the small meeting of three people mentioned, but he wanted LIGHTFOOT to be aware that this was a matter of some discussion in the Party. It was CHILDS' assumption that may be FLO HALL had mentioned this matter to HELEN WINTER or CARL WINTER and that this may have been the reason WINTER raised it as she did.

LIGHTFOOT obviously was extremely disturbed over the insinuation and allegation concerning his possible misuse of Party funds and was ready to immediately raise this issue with FLO HALL. He was also disturbed that he had not been confronted directly on the matter.

LIGHTFOOT then indicated that in regard to financial matters and expenses connected with his own personal affairs and the illness of his wife GERALDYNE, that the National Office had been good in this regard; however, from local Party people there had been no help financially or otherwise. This has made him bitter to the point that he felt he ought to go out and look for a job. LIGHTFOOT's overall mood on this date was very bad due to the above matters and because he had been engaged in a running battle with FLO HALL and SAM KUSHNER.

On one occasion LIGHTFOOT was heard to state that SAM was a "dirty coward" and he bet if he offered him the opportunity to head the District, he would refuse. He accused both FLO HALL and SAM KUSHNER of showing some fears for themselves in the present situation.

At another point, he mentioned that if they (National Office) don't do something regarding that "guy BEN" (DAVIS), "I'm finished."

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Date: 7/7/61

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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There are transmitted herewith 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting of the National Board and invited guests of the CPUSA held in NYC, 7/5/61.

5-Bureau (100-3-69) (Encl. 10) (RM)
(1-100-3-81) (CPUSA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
(1-100-3-83) (CPUSA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
1-Chicago (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
1-Cleveland (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
1-Detroit (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
1-Los Angeles (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
1-San Francisco (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

The confidential source utilized was NY 2359-S*.

This memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON) (415)
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1-New York (100-89691) (CPUSA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)(415)
1-New York (100-128814) (CPUSA - NYD - ORGANIZATION) (414)
1-New York (100-129802) (CPUSA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)(41)
1-New York (100-95583) (CPUSA - LINE) (415)

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-84) 7/7/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-81338)

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Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info [redacted]

Date received 7/5/61

Received by SA JOHN A. HAAG (written)

Original location [redacted]

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info in order to protect the identity of informant.

A copy of informant's written report follows:

2 - Bureau (100-3-84)(RM)
2 - [redacted]
(1 - 100-19491) [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - NY 100-23825 [redacted] 415)
1 - NY 100-84275 [redacted] (414)
1 - NY 100-25623 [redacted] (422)
1 - NY 100-84994 [redacted] 415)
1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization)(415)
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On [redacted] the following transpired at the National Office, CPUSA:

About 2 P.M. [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] heard a meeting being held between PHIL BART and [redacted] [redacted] was absent during the day and BART was considered in charge.

[redacted] stated that several anonymous phone calls had been received stating a bomb had been placed in the building and was due to explode at any minute. He said this posed a question of what to do and that a decision was required immediately. To notify the police would bring certain consequences. The police naturally would roam everywhere in the building and take the liberty of ransacking every drawer and cabinet. Did we want that? Was the office prepared for such a hostile examination of its contents? If not, what should be done in the vague possibility the calls were not crank but real. He reminded them that the Party office was bombed once before, about November in 1940 during the Finnish-Russian war. Could the threat, even unlikely as it might be, be disregarded and endanger the life of all occupants? b7D

[redacted] expressed the opinion the police should be notified "like all normal people in all normal situations." He understood that a few days prior that all "compromising" materials and files and lists of names of petition-signers, etc, had been removed and the office was sufficiently "clean" to allow the police to roam in.

BART said the problem was not simply this bomb threat but that the entire question of Headquarters security could no

longer be neglected. He said the building with its three floors and basement offices is as open as a honeycomb, that any crank can wander into any part of it, that large parts of the building are unguarded and any person could wander at will and place weapons or other compromising objects. He said the evening before a committee had been meeting late up on the third floor and far to the rear, when he discovered the street door entrance had been open all evening and the entire building at the mercy of anyone who wanted to enter it for any evil purpose.

BANT proposed that they all await the return of [redacted] around 4 P.M. and then have a formal meeting of the Board people present, which was agreed to. Until then the police would not be called. Meantime, immediately, certain things should be done: He, BANT, would take the third floor, [redacted] the second floor, BANT the first floor and basement and immediately get several people each to make a thorough "unscientific" search of each room, shelf, cabinet. Second, that instantly a person be placed in the foyer from the door as a "receptionist" to inquire of each person coming in who the person wanted to see, if he had an appointment, and not permit anyone above the foyer until upstairs had been phoned. Suggestions were made that eventually a gate, hardboiled receptionist and possibly a guard take over this foyer and allow no one in unless the inside people desired to see them. Also, that a general security man be placed in charge of the building as a whole to decree when it should be closed for the day, be in charge of all keys, to evict any committee sitting beyond closing time.

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Attention was called to the fact that some 500 "threatening" letters had been received the past two weeks due

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to the appearance of [redacted] on some television programs and in response to the advertisement of the Open Letter published in the NY Times and other papers. It was stated that the office receives at least 15-25 crank and foul-language telephone calls a day. [redacted] commented that such "lunatics" would not only blow up installations in the Utah desert but also blow up the Empire State building if the thought occurred to them, and surely would entertain such ideas about CP offices as being something popular to do.

The discussion concluded by setting the 4 P.M. meeting and those designated immediately undertaking a floor-by-floor inspection as well as judging if any remaining materials should be removed.

The 4 P.M. meeting was expected to adopt in detail a full security system for the headquarters, and also decide on the wisdom of advising the police of the threat and allow them to make a thorough inspection.

BAT also stated that they would have to re-institute the system pursued after the 1940 bombing, which was that anyone entering the foyer from the street should have any package, handbag or briefcase opened and inspected by the guard before being allowed beyond the gate, and even if someone upstairs cleared the person's visit.

(Details of the 4 P.M. meeting were not available to informant.)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-7451)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
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On 7/11/61, furnished the following information:

On an enlarged meeting of the New Jersey Communist Party Board was held in Newark, New Jersey. At this meeting New Jersey Board member, and her were highly critical of the CPUSA National leadership, particularly

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contested the and accused them of "left sectarianism."

then spoke, indicating he was in complete agreement with the According to the informant, the balance of the meeting resulted in heated arguments, with on one side and the and on the other. It was finally decided that the above four individuals would meet sometime next week with at CPUSA Headquarters to resolve their differences.

4 - BUREAU (RM)
(1-100-3-104) (CPUSA-COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
1 - NEW JERSEY (100-4284) (RM)
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1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-7451 (415)

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It was learned later from [redacted] that PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA, was to attend the above meeting as a representative of the CPUSA. He was to meet at the home of [redacted] before 7:30 p.m., [redacted] BART arrived at the [redacted] home at 7:00 p.m. and received no answer. After making several inquiries, he was unable to locate the meeting and returned to New York City.

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According to [redacted] it is the opinion of BART and [redacted] that [redacted] failed to meet BART by design to prevent the National Office from having representation at this meeting.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 7/11/61

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHIL BART
IS-C; ISA-50; SA-40
(Weekly summary 7/3-9/61)
CINAL
(OO: New York)

7/3/61

The subject and his wife, CONNIE, both came home very late, after apparently having been out visiting socially. Subject advised that he was very tired and was going to bed immediately. (NY 1750-S*).

7/4/61

The subject called a male unsub and discussed his week which had been especially "hectic". He said most of his activity was connected with the release of WINSTON. He commented that they (CP) had had somebody down there during the week, in Washington, trying to push the release but that the government had not even indicated they were going to let him go until he was actually out. He said he had stayed over-night with WINSTON and that other than his physical incapacity, he is just as well as ever and has not changed a bit. Subject said that WINSTON'S sight is gone and that he can only see shadows. He will never be cured as his "central nervous system is destroyed." Some of his trouble with his legs has been overcome and now he is doing fairly well. (NY 1749-S*).

7/5/61

The subject was present at a meeting of the CP National Board and its invited guests held at National Headquarters. HENRY WINSTON was present at this meeting, which was mostly taken up with a discussion of an article by GUS HALL, which was to appear in "The Worker". (NY 2359-S*).

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1 - NY (100-56579)(415)

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The subject took part in a discussion between [redacted] and [redacted] regarding the internal political situation in the New Jersey District. The subject informed [redacted] that [redacted] had been assigned to attend a meeting of the New Jersey State Board that evening in order to give [redacted] a hand in the expected showdown with some of his adversaries. [redacted] and [redacted] entered this discussion intermittently, all with [redacted] b7D

During the discussion, [redacted] inquired then, is it not likely that [redacted] answered, that [redacted] (NY airtel to Bureau, [redacted]

7/6/61

The subject and his wife, CONNIE, sometime after midnight discussed the press conference which WINSTON had given that day. The subject said that WINSTON was absolutely "amazing" and answered all kinds of questions in a calm, lucid manner. He commented that listening to him you would have never thought he had been away. He said there was a nice picture of him in one of the evening newspapers. He then spoke about a meeting which he had apparently attended that evening, at which he said the most "presumptuous ass" was ARNOLD (JOHNSON). He said that JOHNSON had to get up and speak on every point and that everything he said was as "asinine as he is". He then commented about "ABE" (UNGER) and his pushing for "liquidation of the Party." However, the source was unable to furnish any further information regarding this matter. (NY 1750-S*).

7/7/61

The subject commented to his wife, early that morning, that they had received a letter from EDNA (WINSTON) yesterday and that he had read it to HENRY WINSTON. He commented that it was very brief and had no warmth to it whatsoever. He said that EDNA is a "cold hearted _____ _____ _____." (NY 1750-S*).

LENA SCHERER contacted CONNIE BART and asked if the subject were available. CONNIE said that he would not be in until rather late. LENA said that she had something important she wanted to ask his advice on, that she would like to see him for a half hour on the weekend, and that she is sure PHIL can arrange it. SCHERER asked if they had seen WINSTON. CONNIE said that PHIL had been with him the previous evening and she had joined them for dinner. She said that WINSTON is leaving to see his mother on Monday (NY 1749-S*).

The subject contacted MORRIS CHILDS in Chicago, who told him that he was in bed with the flu. Subject told CHILDS that GUS (HALL) wanted him to come in to NY on Sunday and stay for a week. MORRIS said that he will come by Monday if he feels better. Subject commented that GUS would be in NY until at least next Friday. MORRIS said that he would let PHIL know tomorrow when he would be in (NY 1749-S*).

The subject contacted GUS HALL and told about his conversation with CHILDS. The subject also mentioned that WINSTON was going to see GEORGE [redacted] that evening. (NY 1749-S*). b6 b7C

7/8/61

The subject mentioned to his wife that RUTH and JACK (SHULMAN) were going to the Soviet Union on a trip. He then criticized RUTH as being very incompetent in her position. CONNIE then asked about SYLVIA (HALL) and [redacted] and how their relationship was. The subject became very angry and told his wife that that situation is none of her business and there was no reason for her to discuss it at all. (NY 1750-S*).

The subject contacted HENRY WINSTON who told him that BILL ALBERTSON was presently with him. He asked WINSTON if he thought he would be seeing JIM JACKSON that day and WINSTON said he did not think so. WINSTON then asked the subject if he would invite MARY KAUFMAN over to see him. (NY 1749-S*).

CONNIE BART contacted MARY KAUFMAN and told her that WINSTON had thought that it would be nice for all of them to go over there and see him tomorrow. KAUFMAN said she thought this was a wonderful idea and they made arrangements to go the following evening. (NY 1749-S*).

7/9/61

CONNIE BART asked the subject about the date of the "defense rally" and the subject commented that it was going to be held on July 27th, according to present plans. (NY 1750-S*).

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 7-10-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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OO: NEW YORK

EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH HANDLING THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION SET FORTH CAN BE READILY ATTRIBUTED TO THE INFORMANT BECAUSE OF THE FORM IN WHICH IT WAS RECEIVED, IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF FOUND ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO PUT IN REPORT FORM.

On July 5, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, CP, USA, mailed from New York City. This letter was dated June 28, 1961. The letter was photostated by the Chicago Office on July 5, 1961, and returned to the source on the same date. One photostat of this letter has been an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3(223). Two photostats each of this item are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and the New York Office.

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(1 - 100-1287 ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
2 - Los Angeles (RM)
(1 - 100-4486 DOROTHY HEALEY)
(1 - 100-4963 PETTIS PERRY)
32 - New York (Encls. 2)(RM)
(1 - 100-32826 JAMES ALLEN)
(1 - 100-54965 JOHN ABT)
(1 - 100- SADIE AMPTER)
(1 - 100-56579 PHIL BART)
(1 - 100-56 MICHAEL DAVIDOW)
(1 - 100-23825 BENJAMIN DAVIS Jr.)
(1 - 100-9365 WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
(1 - 100-1696 ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
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(1 - 100-105078 HYMAN LUMER)
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Set forth below is the verbatim content of this letter except for a minor deletion of personal data which may tend to identify the source or which has no investigative pertinency. Information appearing in the parentheses was supplied by the source on July 5, 1961, in an effort to assist in the interpretation of the contents of this letter.

"Tuesday & Wed
June 28 -

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"Well, everything is smooth in this great city, I hear. The N. Y. State outfit voted unanimously against any dissolution. Only Esther (Unger) refrained from accepting Pat's (William L. Patterson) report. They did not bring up the other matter, altho Pat mention her husband (Abe Unger) by name.

"Yesterday John Abt called me to find a statement we once made up of all Smith Act sentences. I literally pulled my files apart /incidentally did a good sorting & classifying job simultaneously/ but did not find what he wanted for (Junius) Scales' lawyer. However, I remembered afterwards that Si (Gerson) got it up. In going over old P.A's ("Political Affairs") today, I reread an article of Dorothy's (Healey) on a preconvention discussion /the last one/. It was pretty bad - no wonder she is so mixed up! I guess you're right. No use expecting too much from all people. Get the best from them.

"Had a nice letter from my friends in Bellingham (Washington State CP). Will send it to you after I show it to Gus (Hall) tomorrow.

"Jim (Jackson) came to see me. He wants out of the Defense Com. But before discussing it with Hy (Lumer) and myself, he went directly to G (Gus Hall). He insists his county needs him and unless we take him out altogether he can't do both. It's probably correct. But it is very inconvenient with Hy's future so uncertain. Phil (Bart)

told me today that Hy's wife (Edith Lumer) has to return to the hospital for surgery. Apparently Gus agreed. I'm so fearful that he plans to put Arnold (Johnson) in there again. I do hope not. I simply can't work with that guy. I've tried since '57 when we returned. Jim T. (Tormey) would like to be put in charge of the work when Hy goes but I'm afraid it isn't in the cards, altho he could do it alright. His unfortunate remark at our last Def. (Defense) Com. meeting about "The leadership proposing all leftist progress" queered him, I'm afraid.

"I'm worried re the Def. Com. about taking a vacation if Hy has to go. I suppose that's foolish with so many other people at the N. O. (National Office). We'll see what happens now with Edith. I dropped up to see Sadie (Ampter) last night - next door, Evey just moved in there. As I was coming out, I ran into the entire Manh. (Manhattan) County Board leaving there, altogether - five of them. They certainly looked guilty especially Ruth (Shulman). Did you hear that they /Ruth and husband/ (Jack Shulman) are planning to go to the G. D. R. (German Democratic Republic) this Summer to the Vet's 25th anniversary & then to the S.U.? To see Bill (Foster), I presume. Mike (Davidow) is back. I don't know about Arnold (Johnson). He called later from Budapest. Will find out today /Wed/, at N. O. Later Thurs. We had a long talking meeting - although in very good spirit. I think you will be seeing our mutual friend (Gus Hall) shortly. We will reorganize the Defense Committee. Mike gave a good account of visits to friends in NATO countries, our pal Johnny (Williamson)(CP of Great Britain), and others, Luigi L. (Longo of CP of Italy).

"I went to dinner at Jim A's (Allen) and was happy to see Isabel (Allen) again. We had some wonderful wine from Moldovia (Soviet Socialist Republic). I agreed with him to do four pieces of writing 1) Factual on Mc (McCarran Act) for abroad 2500 words; 2) Reactions here /for abroad/ 3) Fact sheet for here; 4) Article for P.A. on Defense of Party. That ought to keep me busy for a while.

CG 100-33741

On vacations it was decided one week only except for sick people. However I guess I can have two but later, after we know Hy's fate. Ben (Davis) goes to Wash. (D.C.) tomorrow on Winny (Winston). We decided no delegation - he should go as a friend to know when Winny may come out, so we can prepare care for him etc. Rumor has it pretty strong that they will act shortly - not to leave him in prison after Gil (Green) comes out. She (Edna Winston) went abroad with a group of doctors - at least she is due to go today. Alan Max died - tumor of brain, sick a long time.

"I can't find the Bellingham letter. Must have left it at the office. They are O.K. and will await someone coming out there. I hope it will actually happen. I wish G (Gus Hall) could go to Coast. They need it, especially in L.A.

"The 'Govt' put a lien on Pete's Perry (Pettis Perry) first house sale, /it was in his name, of all things/ to collect the fine. So now proceeds can't be used to buy present house, even tho TB laws require he move. Some mess, for others to worry about.

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"Elizabeth"

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-145506) DATE: 7/11/61

FROM : SA JOHN L. FAGAN

SUBJECT: CPUSA v. SUBVERSIVE
ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD
IS-C; ISA-50

The following material, which is being disseminated for informational purposes, is contained in Bulet to Albany dated 6/19/61, copies of which were forwarded to all offices.

For the information of all offices, the Bureau, by letter dated 6/6/61, requested advice from the Department as to specific action contemplated against the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), and its officers and members should there be a failure to comply with the 6/5/61 Supreme Court decision which ordered the Party to register with the Attorney General under the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

1-NY (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (414)
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1-NY (100-25623) (ERIC BERT) (415)
1-NY (101-559) (JESUS COLON) (415)
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1-NY (100-5106) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (422)
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At the same time, the Bureau furnished the Department a list of the 58 members of the Party's National Committee, together with their current addresses. This was done since the Department had indicated in the past that if and when the registration order should become final, all members of the Party's National Committee would be so advised by registered mail. Should the Party fail or refuse to register within the 30-day period allowed, the Department would again, by registered mail, notify all members of the National Committee of the Party's failure to register and of the duty which now falls on the National Committee members to register for the Party.

Accordingly, it is imperative that the Bureau be in a position to keep the Department advised of the current addresses of all National Committee members, as well as the fact that, for example, a member has left the United States to travel abroad or has returned from foreign travel.

Each office should immediately verify the present address of each National Committee member living in its territory and submit a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau listing each such member and his current address. If a

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member is currently abroad, his permanent residence should be listed followed by a parenthetical comment that he is temporarily out of the country. These letterhead memoranda must reach the Bureau by 6/23/61. Thereafter, this matter must be followed closely and whenever a change occurs, such as a change in permanent residence; foreign travel; return from foreign travel; or extended travel within the United States, the Bureau must be immediately notified by appropriate letterhead memoranda.

By letter dated 6/13/61, the Internal Security Division of the Department replied to the Bureau's letter of 6/6/61 which, in part, requested advice as to specific prosecutive action contemplated by the Department should there be a failure to comply with the 6/5/61 Supreme Court decision. For your information and guidance, pertinent portions of the Internal Security Division's letter of 6/13/61 are quoted below. Your specific attention is directed to the Department's comment regarding the importance of knowing who the Party's officers are during the 10-day period immediately following the expiration of the 30 days after the registration order becomes effective.

"In reference to your first point regarding action against the Party, we propose to notfy appropriate officers of the Party in writing in the near future of the Party's obligation to register within 30 days from the date the order becomes final. Such letter will also enclose forms for registration. Unless the issuance of the mandate is stayed by order of the Court, it is contemplated that it will issue by June 30 and that the Order of the Board will become final 10 days thereafter. The Party would then have the next 30 days in which to comply. In the event the Party fails to register within the prescribed period the Department will expect to institute prosecutive action against the Party for such failure and seek the imposition of a fine of $10,000 for each day of failure to comply.

"We also contemplate directing a letter to each officer and member of the National Committee advising him of his obligation to cause the Party to register should the Party fail to register during the 30 day period after the Order becomes final and that such officer would have a 10 day period thereafter in which to comply.

"In this connection you should know that in an effort to minimize any contention that the defense might attempt to make in any prosecution of the Party to the effect that any officer required to prepare and sign such a registration for the Party would be entitled to take the Fifth Amendment rather than to sign such a registration form as an officer of the Communist Party, we are now studying the possibility of revising the registration forms and the instructions prescribed for filing by the Party. Such revisions would be designed to permit the Party to file a registration statement not only by an officer but through a duly authorized agent, employee or attorney if it prefers.

"We are also engaged in a review of your investigative reports on each present officer with a view to determining which ones can best be prosecuted and what informants or witnesses may be necessary in order that you may be advised and that appropriate final recommendations regarding such prosecutions can be made to the Attorney General. Should the Party fail to register within the 30 day period after the Order of the Board becomes final, it will be important to know who the officers are during the 10 day period immediately following the expiration of the 30 days after the Order becomes effective."

As additional information is received from the Department relative to prosecutions under the Internal Security Act of 1950, it will be promptly furnished to the interested offices.

Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-55)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	7/24/61	5/61 - 7/61

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
PHILIP BART	HAROLD P. QUINN	mrg

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT-1950
SMITH ACT - 1940

Synopsis:
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REFERENCE:

Report of SA HAROLD P. QUINN, dated 4/27/61, at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The enclosed report is broken down into two sections as per Bureau instructions. Part I contains the admissible evidence and Part II the inadmissible evidence.

Approved	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below
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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

BART is an unindicted Smith Act subject and the character of Smith Act - 1940 appears on the original copy of this report.

On 5/30/61, CG 5824-S* advised that the subject had told him on a very confidential basis that GUS HALL had been giving him very bad treatment and that his spirit was virtually broken. Informant stated that BART was actually in tears and had asked him what he should do about HALL's dictatorial treatment of him. The subject was visibly upset and told the informant that if he left there (New York City) they (the CP) would never get him back as a "full timer." The informant suggested that possibly BART and JACK STACHEL as a witness could go to HALL and put forth BART's grievances and make known his feelings toward him.

The same source also advised on 6/13/61, that in line with a new campaign to set up more security within the Party in view of the recent Supreme Court decision that a code was set up between the informant and the subject to use in telephonic contacts. Part of this code would be that BART would identify himself with the alias, "Paul."

On 7/13/61, [redacted] advised that the subject had told him personally that in [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

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None of the above information has been set forth in the rerep owing to the sensitive position of the informants involved and to the fact that it was given to the informant by the subject on a personal basis. This is especially true regarding the use of the subject of a new alias, PAUL, as the informant and the subject are the only two persons aware of this information.

The identities of the agents who observed the subject entering CP Headquarters, NYC, are set forth below together with the dates on which the subject was observed:

Date	Agent
5/1/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
5/2/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
5/3/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
5/4/61	FRANCIS T. LEONARD
5/9/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
5/10/61	[redacted] b6 b7C
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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

Date	Agent
5/16/61	[redacted]
5/17/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
5/18/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
5/19/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
5/22/61	[redacted]
5/23/61	
5/24/61	
5/25/61	
5/28/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
5/29/61	[redacted]
6/1/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/2/61	[redacted]
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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

Date	Agent
6/9/61	[redacted]
6/10/61	HAROLD P. QUINN
6/11/61	[redacted]
6/12/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/13/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/14/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/15/61	[redacted]
6/16/61	
6/19/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/20/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/21/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/22/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/23/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/27/61	[redacted]
6/29/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/30/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Location
NY T-1 NY 1750-S*	
NY T-2 [redacted]	
NY T-3 CG 5824-S*	
NY T-4 [redacted]	[redacted]
NY T-5 [redacted]	[redacted]
NY T-6 [redacted]	
NY T-7 [redacted]	
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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [X] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason)

information attributed from NY T-1 through NY T-16 the unauthorized disclosure of which could impair the future effectiveness of these techniques and this impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interest of the country.

8. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

a reinterview of the subject might endanger coverage of the subject's activities presently furnished by a number of highly confidential and anonymous sources maintained for the purpose of giving intensified coverage to the subject's activities. In addition, it is felt that because of the subject's national position in the CP any such interview may also prove to be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

subject is National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA and an elected member of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA.

11. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Copy to:

Report of: HAROLD P. QUINN
Date: 7/24/61
Office: New York, New York
Field Office File No.: 100-56579
Bureau File No.: 100-3284
Title: PHILIP BART

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT-1950

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. He is employed as National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. He attended meetings of the National Executive Committee, National Board, National Control Commission and of leading CP functionaries. He visited the New England, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware CP Districts to attend meetings and other CP functions. Book review written by him appeared in the May, 1961, issue of "Mainstream." Subject's other activities and appearances set forth.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

The subject resides at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Apartment 4C, Brooklyn, New York.

(NY T-1
July 19, 1961)

PART I

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

A. Subject's Employment and Position in the CP, USA

The subject is employed by the CP, USA as National Organizational Secretary working from the national office at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

(NY T-2
July 17, 1961)

The "Mainstream" issue of May, 1961, Page 2, contained descriptions of the "Contributors" to that issue of whom the subject was one. PHILIP BART was

described as the "Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA."

A characterization of "Mainstream" may be found in the Appendix section of this report.

B. Subject's Attendance at Meetings of CP National Functionaries

The subject attended the following meetings at CP National Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, with the exception of the meeting held on June 23, 1961, which was held at the Hilton-Statler Hotel, New York City.

CP National Control Commission	NY T-3	May 5, 1961
National Executive Committee	NY T-3	May 6, 1961
National Executive Committee	NY T-3	May 27, 1961
National Executive Committee	NY T-2 NY T-3	June 10 and 11, 1961
CP National Board	NY T-3	June 23, 1961

C. Subject's Activities in the New York District

The subject was present at a two-day meeting of the New York District Committee of the CP held at Adelphi Hall on May 19 and 20, 1961.

(NY T-4
May 22 and 23, 1961)

The subject was the guest speaker at a meeting on behalf of "The Worker" held on May 15, 1961, by the Bronx County CP Council.

(NY T-13
May 20, 1961)

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

D. Subject's Activities in the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District

The subject was present at a meeting of the District Committee of the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 20 and 21, 1961.

(NY T-5
May 23 and 25, 1961)

The subject participated in a Worker Mobilization Drive and Dinner held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and sponsored by the Philadelphia Committee of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware CP District on June 4, 1961.

(NY T-6, June 5, 1961;
NY T-7, June 9, 1961;
NY T-8, June 7, 1961;
NY T-9, June 7, 1961)

E. Subject's Activities in the New England District

The subject attended a meeting of the

New England District Committee of the CP held on June 18, 1961, in Chelsea, Massachusetts.

(NY T-10, June 19, 1961;
NY T-11, June 22, 1961)

F. Subject's Activities in the New Jersey District

The subject was present at a "Worker" Conference sponsored by the New Jersey CP on May 5, 1961.

(NY T-12
May 10, 1961)

G. Subject's Writings

The May, 1961, issue of "Mainstream", Pages 88-91, contained a book review written by the subject. This review is of a book entitled, "The Cuban Revolution", by BLAS ROCA, the General Secretary of the Popular Socialist Party of Cuba. The Popular Socialist Party of Cuba is the name utilized by the Communist Party in that country. The book was given a very favorable review by the subject.

H. Subject's Foreign Travel Plans

The subject applied for a United States Passport which was issued on May 9, 1961. In his application, the subject stated he intended to travel

to France and England. He gave as the purpose of his trip, "vacation" for a period of 30 days.

(Passport Office
United States Department
of State, May 11, 1961)

The subject was being considered in May, 1961, as a possible participant in a summer delegation of CP, USA members to the Soviet Union.

(NY T-3
May 30, 1961)

I. Subject's Appearances at CP Headquarters

During the period of this report the subject was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on almost a daily basis entering or leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

PART II

A. Subject's Attendance at Meetings of CP National Functionaries

The subject was in attendance at the various meetings described below which took place at the National Headquarters of the CP, USA, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York,

Meeting	Source	Date
CP National Board	NY T-14	May 3, 1961
CP National Board	NY T-1	May 9, 1961
CP National Board	NY T-15	May 10, 1961
CP Leading Functionaries	NY T-15	May 16, 1961
CP National Board	NY T-14	May 24, 1961
Enlarged National Executive Committee	NY T-14	May 27-28, 1961
CP Leading Functionaries	NY T-14	June 6, 1961
Enlarged National Executive Committee	NY T-14	June 10-11, 1961
CP National Board	NY T-14	June 14, 1961
CP National Board	NY T-14	June 28, 1961
CP National Board	NY T-14	July 12, 1961

At the second day meeting of the enlarged National Executive Committee on May 28, 1961, described above, the subject gave a report on CP organization, noting that it was more of a plan of work than an actual organizational report. In this report he proposed a new plan for Party activities which would entail some reorganization. The basis of his report was directed to the Party clubs themselves and their concentration in essential activities. He discussed the need to increase the membership by 50 per cent and to raise

"The Worker" circulation to 20,000 from its present circulation of 17,750. He said that there was a need in the organization at present to develop new ties with left-wing mass organizations.

He commented that the Organizational Bureau would be responsible for a regular check on the Party's plan of work and that it would make its reports directly to the National Board. He said that members of the Board, the Staff and the National Committee would be designated with special responsibilities which they would have to follow out.

B. Subject's Activities in the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District

The subject was present at a meeting of the District Committee of the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 21, 1961.

(NY T-16
May 21, 1961)

On June 4, 1961, the subject participated in a "Worker" Mobilization Drive and Dinner which was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and sponsored by the Philadelphia Committee of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware CP.

(NY T-1, June 4, 1961;
NY T-16, June 4, 1961)

"MASSES AND MAINSTREAM"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Masses and Mainstream":

"Masses and Mainstream*

"1. Cited as the successor to New Masses, 'a Communist magazine.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1953 on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950, originally released October 23, 1949, p. 75; also cited in House Report 1694 on Organized Communism in the United States, May 28, 1954, originally released August 19, 1953, p. 98.)"

* Name changed to Mainstream with September 1956 issue of this publication.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
July 24, 1961

NY 100-[illegible]

Title Philip Bart

Character Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act-1950

Reference is made to the New York report of Special Agent Harold P. Cullen, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Activities at CPUSA headquarters

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Remarks:

The following individual was seen at CP headquarters on [redacted]

There was a big meeting up in the National Board Room and most of the State Staff was up there.

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Brief description of activity or material

Activities at CPUSA headquarters

NYC on [redacted]

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Remarks: The following individual was seen at CP headquarters on [redacted]

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Date(s) of activity

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Brief description of activity or material

Activities at CPUSA Headquarters, NYC on [redacted]

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Remarks:

The following individual was seen at CP headquarters on [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-31643) DATE: 6/27/61

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: CPUSA PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
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On 6/13/61, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD of the following. This information was rough drafted by SA RATCHFORD into statement form, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 6/15/61. It is maintained in [redacted] b7D

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"June 13, 1961
Philadelphia, Penna.

"On [redacted] the mobilization drive on behalf of 'The Worker' started at 10:00 AM at the residence of [redacted] St., Philadelphia, Pa.

"Following the drive a dinner was held at the residence of [redacted] Street.

"This dinner started at 5:00 PM and ended at 9:00 PM.

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"The following were observed in attendance:

[redacted]

[redacted]

PHIL BART

[redacted]

"Seventy_five contacts had been made, fifty_six new subs obtained.

"PHIL BART and [redacted] praised everyone for their fine efforts."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 6/29/61

FROM : SA EDWARD P. MCNULTY, 311

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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On 6/29/61 , [redacted] of Radio Reports Inc., NYC advised the writer that on 6/27/61 GUS HALL of the CPUSA had appeared on NBC's "TODAY" Program and had been interviewed by NBC's PAUL CUNNINGHAM concerning HALL's reaction to the recent Supreme Court Decisionx on the Registration of the CPUSA.

This interview had been taped by "Radio Reports" whose business it is to tape Radio and Television programs and then sell copies of the transcript to any agency or individual that is interested.

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On 6/28/61 PHILIP BART called [redacted] to purchase a transcript of the interview of HALL; BART stated he was with no agency and that he would pay cash. [redacted] indicated that for recording purposes the copy would require the notation at the top "SPECIAL FOR: .."; [redacted] inquired of BART what should be inserted. BART replied "I'm with the Com..."(and then stopped); he then stated just to make it out to him, PHILIP BART and call him at MU 5-5755 when it was ready.

[redacted] furnished the foregoing as a matter of interest. He added that the interview of GUS HALL had been on film and had taken place at the New York Hdqus. of the CP.

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1- NY 100-56579

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) DATE: 7/3/61

FROM: SA JOHN A. HAAG

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info Activities at CPUSA headquarters NYC on [redacted]

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A copy of informant's written report follows.

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1-NY 100-120054 [redacted] (414)
1-NY 100-68934 (JEAN SMITH) (422)
1-NY 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN) (421)
1-NY 100-81771 (DOROTHY ROBINSON) (424)
1-NY 100-55393 (ADA BRODSKY) (424)
1-NY 100-26018 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
1-NY 100-122352 (SHERRING MILLS) (424)
1-NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (415)
1-NY 100-134903 (SARAH JAFFE) (41)
1-NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY 100-133660 (ARTHUR KNIGHT) (424)
1-NY 100-120546 [redacted] (422)
1-NY 100-105078 (W. [illegible]) Ivy Lerner (415)
1-NY 100-8033 (ELIZABETH LAWSON) (422)
1-NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1-NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
1-NY 100-93665 (MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (421)
1-NY 100-54555 (EVELYN WIENER) (414)
1-NY 100-50094 (ESTHER CANTOR) (424)
1-NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1-NY 101-559 (JESUS COLON) (415)
1-NY 100-7658 (LEM HARRIS) (415)
1-NY 100-32826 (JAMES ALLEN) (415)
1-NY 100-113830 (MARVIN STERN) (415)
1-NY 100-82206 (BILL STANLEY) (414)
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At C.P. headquarters on [redacted] these people were seen.

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JEAN SMITH
RUTH SHULMAN
DOROTHY ROBINSON
ADA BRODSKY
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
SHERRING MILLS
IRVING POTASH
BEN DAVIS
SARAH JAFFE
JACK STACHEL
PHIL BART
ARTHUR KNIGHT

HI LUMAR
ELIZABETH LAWSON
ELIZABETH G. FLYNN
WM. PATTERSON
MIMI FRIEDLANDER
EVELYN WEINER
ESTHER CANTOR
GUS HALL
JESUS COLON
LEM HARRIS
JAMES ALLEN
MARVIN STERN
BILL STANLEY

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[redacted] said that she was ill. She looked as tho she felt sick. She said that the doctor said that she was nervous and needed some treatment. She said that she was haveing a metabolism test in a few days.

GUS HALL laughed when someone jokeingly asked if he had registered yet and said that he had gone downtown to register but there was no one there. Hewas kidding of course.

JEAN SMITH had just five stencils ready and those were run. She had no idea when the rest would be ready.

There was a meeting in the back room of the State office. Those at that meeting were WM. PATTERSON-MIMI FRIEDLANDER-EVELYN WEINER and ESTHER CANTOR.

[redacted] said that they had a big meeting that A.M. on the question of the Party registering as a foreign agent, and nameing their membership. She did not say what they had decided at that meeting, or who was there.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-31643) DATE: 7/3/61

FROM : SA FORREST F. BURGESS

SUBJECT: CPUSA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
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On 6/8/61, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA BURGESS of the following. This information was dictated on 6/15/61 into statement form, typed by Steno [redacted] on 6/21/61, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 6/22/61. It is maintained in [redacted]

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"Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
June 8, 1961

"On Sunday, [redacted] there was a mobilization for 'The Worker' conducted throughout the country. The purpose of this was to secure as many subscriptions as possible to 'The Worker' throughout the country and to help increase its circulation.

"In Philadelphia, there were two mobilization points from which people went out in order to attempt to get additional subscriptions to 'TheWorker.' These two points were [redacted] Avenue, the residence of [redacted] and [redacted] Street, the residence of [redacted]

"Around 10:30 a.m., [redacted] the following came to [redacted] Avenue: [redacted]

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"A few of these people went out around 11:00 a.m. A list of former readers and subscribers to 'The Worker' was given to these people to visit.

"On the evening of [redacted] most of the people who had gone out on 'The Worker' mobilization came to the home of [redacted] Street, to report on the results of their visits during that day. Dinner was served to these people. It was reported that thirty-four subscriptions to 'The Worker' had been obtained in Philadelphia on that day. One person, name unknown, turned in a donation of $32.00 for 'The Worker,' which he had received. Everyone seemed to be enthusiastic over the results of the mobilization.

"PHIL BART, member of the National Committee, CPUSA, spoke briefly and, in essence, made the following remarks:

"This press mobilization was one of the greatest activities of the CP in a long time. It had been years since a mobilization of this type had been conducted on a national scale. BART had gone out with [redacted] The results from his visits and the reports he had received from the other workers indicated the people were glad to see the visitors again, who were soliciting subscriptions to 'The Worker.' Even those people who were visited disagreed with the solicitors of 'The Worker' they opened their doors and allowed these people to come into their homes. One such person told BART he disagreed with what 'The Worker' stood for. BART responded by saying, 'I know you disagree; if you didn't, I wouldn't be trying to sell you the paper now, but you would already be taking it.' BART indicated he then said, 'Let's discuss this matter,' after which he did discuss this matter with the man who seemed to be very much impressed with the statements BART made. BART felt this visit was a success, even though the man did not take a subscription to 'The Worker.'

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"BART then went on to make the additional following remarks:

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating. The important thing is not just the idea of twenty-two people in Philadelphia going out to solicit subscriptions, but the large number of people throughout the country who are going out to solicit subscriptions to 'The Worker' in all places where a Communist Party exists.

"BART felt sure thousands of working people were seen and now know that despite attacks against the CP, the CP still exists.

"BART stated the National Committee, Communist Party USA (CPUSA) approves of this mobilization and will be very much pleased with the activities of the CP in Philadelphia, as well as throughout the whole country. BART felt sure that after analyzing results of this mobilization on June 4, 1961, the National Committee, CPUSA, would want to conduct more such mobilizations in the future. BART then continued to make the following remarks:

"The only way to build the paper is to take the paper to the people.

"The 'Philadelphia Inquirer' when it loses circulation can set aside $50,000 or more and use all types of methods to increase its circulation; however, 'The Worker' only has one method to increase its circulation and that is a direct approach to the people themselves to subscribe to it.

"BART said that he was Manager of 'The Worker' at one time and at that time he tried to use many advertising gimmicks, such as those used by the commercial press, to increase the circulation. One of these was advertising 'The Worker' in the subways. These methods ran into a large sum of money, but did not bring comparable results with those obtained through the mobilization on [redacted] BART, therefore, thanked all the comrades for their participation." b7D

SAC, NEW YORK (100-84994) 7/5/61

SA FRANCIS J. COSTIGAN

GUS HALL
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On 6/28/61, NY 2010-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on the same date, PHIL BART contacted the offices of the TV program "Today," and requested a tape and a kinescope of the appearance of GUS HALL on that program.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-84994) (415)
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SAC, NEW YORK (97-169) 7/5/61

SA FRANCIS J. COSTIGAN

PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS
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On 6/26/61, NY 2010-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on that date, PHIL BART, contacted by an individual at the Associated Press, in answer to a query as to how many Communist papers are published in the United States, said that there are none to his knowledge.

When asked about "The Worker," he stated that it is an independent paper sympathetic to the Communist Party, but is not a Communist paper.

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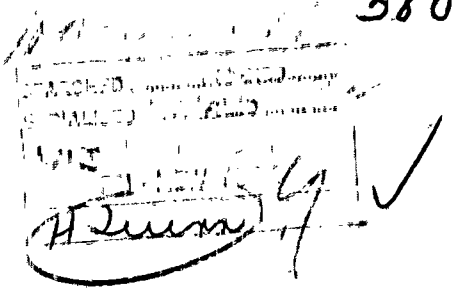

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-1502-1955) DATE: 7/6/61

FROM : SA HARRY H. PLUMMER

SUBJECT: UNITY CLUB
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On 6/15/61, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA HARRY H. PLUMMER of the following. This information was rough drafted 6/20/61 by SA PLUMMER, typed into statement form 6/23/61 by Steno [redacted] and was then read and initialed by the informant on 6/23/61. It is maintained in [redacted]

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"Philadelphia, Pa.
June 15, 1961

"A meeting of the [redacted] was held on Wednesday evening, [redacted] at the residence of [redacted] Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Those Unity Club members present were [redacted] and [redacted] served as [redacted] of the meeting.

2 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-269 (HENRY WINSTON)
1 - Philadelphia (100-1502-1955)
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"The agenda included the following:

"1. City Committee Report
2. Press
3. Party outlook, recent Supreme Court decision
4. Good and Welfare

"1. City Committee Report by [redacted]

[redacted] reported a recent GUS HALL statement had suggested CP club discussion concerning trade union matters.

"A recent letter was received by the District pointing out there should be much protest concerning the return of HENRY WINSTON to prison from the hospital. WINSTON's doctors have advised he is too ill to be returned to prison. Protest will be made through small churches rather than through the large churches and political organizations. A Winston Committee is being set up composed of members from all the CP clubs. [redacted] Unity Club members, have been selected to the Committee.

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[redacted] also stated some pamphlets (60) are being sent from the District to the Unity Club. The pamphlets, called 'A Lesson In Cuba,' are to be sold to Club members.

"2. Press - [redacted]

[redacted] said Sunday, [redacted] was a nationwide CP 'Worker' sales day. Affairs were held simultaneously around the nation. Such affairs were held at the [redacted] residence and at an unnamed West Philadelphia residence. Ten [redacted] members, including PHIL BART, attended the affair at [redacted] residence. All told, some 20 persons attended the two Philadelphia meetings, and some 55 subs were sold. [redacted] sold three; [redacted] sold two.

[redacted] will be another 'Worker' drive date. The drive will begin at 10:30 a.m., and members will go out from [redacted] residence, selling 'The Worker,' from house to house.

[redacted] reported a recent street meeting protesting the Alabama 'Freedom Riders' situation, held at 31st and York Streets, had been somewhat unsuccessful, and that the next meeting will be held Friday, [redacted] at Cumberland and Hollywood Streets. Speakers will be WILLIAM CRAWFORD and [redacted]

[redacted] registered a protest about Club members being virtually forced to go out with 'The Worker.' [redacted] criticized [redacted] sharply for his attitude, and [redacted] sided with [redacted]

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"3. Recent Supreme Court Decisions

[redacted] said the Party will definitely not give the names of CP members to the Department of Justice. The National Committee has not decided as yet how to handle the matter of CP registration, and the Party's lawyers are busy working on this problem.

[redacted] asked if the CPUSA would handle the matter as the CP in Canada had done, and change the name of the Party. [redacted] said he presumed this would be the case, and further, that CP members need not worry because the Government cannot force persons to be witnesses against themselves.

"4. Good and Welfare

"The next [redacted] meeting will be held Wednesday, [redacted] at [redacted] Street, the residence of [redacted]

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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
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NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/12/61, PHIL (BART) contacted [redacted] MAX [redacted]..asked if MAX has heard anything.. MAX said he hasn't any news..PHIL said that JOHN ABT is in Europe and is expected back Thursday..PHIL mentioned that CLAUDE is supposed to hear at a further date..the U.S. Attorney asked for a postponement until November..CLAUDE faces a new trial based on instructions of the Appeals Court..PHIL told MAX that the Party is supposed to register by August 9 and the officers 10 days later..PHIL mentioned Attorney General KENNEDY's statement in yesterday's "Times"..where KENNEDY specifically mentioned the Soviet Union..and saying he is going to proceed (with the cases)..etc..

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They then discussed "active membership"..saying that the Department of Justice wants a yardstick to use for per cent of time spent in "activity"..they asked for 50% of the time..PHIL said that as far as he knows, the Government hasn't moved on any of the membership cases..thinks they are going to work on the Mc Carren first..MAX asked what the reaction has been. PHIL said, not too much from the public.. and some editorials are starting to come in..added that it's going to be a long hard battle and there are going to be some casualties.

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Brief description of activity or material
New England Communist Party District Committee meeting, Jewish Community Center, Chelsea, Massachusetts, [redacted]

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"Sunday [redacted] - A N.E.C.P. District Committee meeting was held at the Jewish Community Center in Chelsea, Mass.

"Present at this meeting were [redacted]

PHIL BART from National Committee.

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"The agenda -

[redacted] report on her visit to the Soviet Union
Supreme Court Decision
Defense Committee -
HOMER CHASE - Charges

"The meeting was opened at about 10:15 A.M. by [redacted]

[redacted] reporting on her visit to the Soviet Union said she was impressed with the advances made by the Soviet Union both socially & technically. [redacted] said beautiful cities are being rebuilt. [redacted] said she visited - Moscow and attended all the May 1st festivals at Red Square - Leningrad - Stalingrad, the city of Hervez and being built a beautiful center for tourists honoring its war dead. - [redacted] also visited [redacted] - her mother and 2 brothers in [redacted] -.

[redacted] said there 500 Hindu Students at the University in Moscow studying advance technical knowledge in steel, and that 400 Cuban students were attending universities in Kiev. [redacted] said there are students from all over the World attending Soviet Union Universities mostly from Asis & So. America.

[redacted] said she spent a whole day & night with EULA FIG. - in Poland and that EULA speaks Polish quite well.

[redacted] showed many pictures in book form Stalingrad - Leningrad - Moscow & Baku.

"PHIL BART said that the recent Supreme Court decision was aimed right at the heart of the American Communist Party and that the decission was the worst blow since McCarthyism. BART said the law is not too clear and no one seems to have the answer regarding the functions of the party based on the decission. PHIL BART said that GUS HALL and the secretariate including himself will spend the rest of their lives in jail rather than reveal any comrades names. PHIL said the party is in full support of the Freedom Riders and the pro Castro groups in America.

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"PHIL said that representatives of foreign countries are telling U. S. State dept. to clean house first on Freedom & Negro rights before going abroad and preaching Freedom to other countries. PHIL said that even in the Soviet Union people have been heard to say - we in Russia live in a democracy, but that America is a reactionery country. PHIL said C. P. are making great gains thru out the World and especially in France where DeGAULE has set up 4 different governments recently and the Communist party still maintained their power in government. PHIL BART speaking about the present administration - PHIL said they have failed the Negro shamlessly.

"PHIL BART said the Nat. Com. party attorneys are working day and night to fight the Supreme Courts decision. BART said the attorneys will submitt a brief on appeal and review on June 30th. BART said this appeal can be accepted by one Justice - the Judge will give his decision on July 9th and the hearing will be held Aug. 9th., - PHIL BART said the party's attorneys will show that Justice CLARKE should disqualify himself from participating in the Supreme Court decision, because of his previous interest in a similar case against party members. PHIL said that a new organization was just organized in New York and will spread thru out the country in defense of Labor and Negro rights - The Defenders of Constitutional Liberties -

"PHIL said the New York Times will carry a full page add costing $2400 with an open letter in defense of the party condemning the Courts decision sponsored by the New Defense Committee. PHIL said similar adds will appear in St. Louis San Francisco, Chicago and other large cities. PHIL said all D. C. & clubs are asked to organize their own defense committees and raise funds for similar adds

"PHIL said there will be all types of leaflets handed out by the party and each D. C. will be called on to do their share of mailing - passing out and assume part of the expenses. BART said the first leaflet would attack the Supreme Courts decision and Justice BLACK's report on the decision. PHIL said that a group of attorneys are planning to file a brief on the decision for their benefit and to get more clarafication. PHIL said ARCHIE BROWN of California is facing arrest because he dared to run for office in his local union. PHIL said that at a meeting of that local H. BRIDGES assured the membership that they had a right to vote for or against ARCHIE BROWN and if he was elected he had every right to represent his local union.

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[redacted] said the decision of the Supreme Court was a terrible blow to the party - but, [redacted] said that even a greater blow is directed at the party in the showing of Anti Communist films to young students in Colleges & High Schools - [redacted] said the party should take steps to fight this movement.

[redacted] said that in view of the recent events thru out the World, American imperialists are worried and desparate at the advance of Socialism - [redacted] said America is being hopelessly outclassed in their propaganda for Freedom - [redacted] said all major countries are losing their colonial empires thru pressure of the Soviet Union. [redacted] said that labor and the Negro will not accept the decision of the Supreme Court without a fight. [redacted] said all groups should be contacted to oppose the decision - and that leaflets will be handed out everywhere.

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[redacted] said that on next Friday June 23rd., at the Community Church in Boston, a home coming reception will be held for [redacted] and she will be the principal speaker relating her trip thru the Soviet Union. [redacted] said [redacted] will be the chairman and [redacted] & [redacted] will also speak at the reception. [redacted] said a collection will be made for the benefit of the Defense Committee -

[redacted] said that labor will play an important part in the defense of the party in their fight to protect their future existence as a political party in a free country. [redacted] reported his two labor meetings with [redacted] (from Brockton). [redacted] said labor will be forced to fight against the Supreme Courts decision because it is also aimed at all labor unions who are fighting for the lowly paid worker, but who are on the governments black list.

"PHIL BART - on the defense committee - said that every club and D. C. thru out the country is setting up defense committees and expected the N.E.C.P. to do the same, in as much as the center of Civil Liberties in America is in Boston. PHIL said comrades should contact all organizations and organize defense committees to protect the constitutional rights of the individuals. PHIL said these committees will raise funds to mail & distribute leaflets and supply speakers to gatherings. PHIL said that a huge defense conference is planned in New York and members of the N.E.C.P. should attend. PHIL said the open letter leaflet on the Courts decision and of Justice BLACKs report are ready to be sent to all clubs for distribution at $9.00 a thousand.

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"It was voted to order 3,000 leaflets for N.E.C.P. and the following clubs pledged the following amounts - Worcester - 300 - Providence - 300 Fall River - 500 - North Shore - 500 - So. Shore - 100 Dorchester - 500 - (note - [redacted] to distribute the 500 at the G. & G. Restaurant) - and the balance to be mailed in the Boston area to organizations, labor unions - attorneys & newspapers.

"HOMER CHASE - Charges -

[redacted] reported that several letters had been mailed and distributed to party members & non members by HOMER CHASE - attacking the policy of the NE. D.C., signalling out [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] as factional revissionists. [redacted] said HOMER in mentioning party comrades names in a public document violated a close guarded security of the party_

[redacted] said he had received an invitation from HOMER CHASE to attend a meeting at [redacted] house in Boston on Saturday [redacted] said the following comrades were present at this meeting - [redacted] & Mrs [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] & [redacted] said that at this meeting American imperialism was discussed as a detriment to world peace and to organize groups in America to force America to adopt a policy of hands off Cuba_

"PHIL BART attacked [redacted] for attending such a meeting without first consulting members of the D. C. - BART attacked HOMER CHASE viciousely as being worse than a vermin or any other animal - PHIL said HOMER CHASE sent a letter to the Communist Party of France signed by HOMER & his wife - urging the French Communist Party to organize anti KENNEDY demonstrations when the President arrived in France and assured the French C. P. that the American C. P., would follow suit when Pres. KENNEDY returned to America. BART said HOMER CHASE was put on probation for 6 months last January by the Nat. Com. and HOMER was told to be at the disposal of some N.E.C.P. Club to take assignments. BART said HOMER violated his probation in the distribution of his vicious letter and should be expelled from the party. BART at this point suggested a 3 comrade committee to call HOMER CHASE and make the necessary charges to expell him - and the committee to report their action at the next D. C. meeting.

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[redacted] from Worcester said he agreed with PHIL BART that HOMER CHASE should be expelled from the party. [redacted] said he was convinced HOMER was mentally sick.

[redacted] husband - said he also agreed with PHIL BART and would vote to expell HOMER - He also said that [redacted] - the [redacted] have never attended a club meeting since HOMER was put out of the D. C. - [redacted] also attacked HOMER because of his mentioning [redacted] and his name in a public letter. HOOD said that no one in the D. C. were safe with HOMER around [redacted] also attacked the [redacted] & the [redacted] - [redacted] said [redacted] his wife & [redacted] were good loyal party members but were victim of a brothers unfair demands. HOOD asked for harmony within the party and said that HOMER CHASE should be expelled for the good of the party.

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"It was unanimously voted to appoint a [redacted] HOMER CHASE and prefer [redacted]

"PHIL BART spoke to [redacted] after the meeting and asked [redacted]

"BART said that HOMER CHASE may appeal the decision of the committee to expell him to the D. C., and asked [redacted] HOMER CHASE [redacted] HOMER [redacted]

All necessary action has been taken with respect to the above.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant statement dated July 10, 1961, setting forth information received from CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN on July 10, 1961. This information was reduced to writing on July 11, 1961, and the original report is maintained in Chicago file A)134-46-6882.

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It has been learned that while JACK KLING was in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, over the weekend of July 8-9, 1961, he had collected money in the amount of $100. This money was given by KLING to MORRIS CHILDS of Chicago, who in turn was to deliver it to PHIL BART in New York City as a donation to the CP, USA.

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MORRIS CHILDS
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
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Date	7/7/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 7/7/61, (PHIL BART) contacted MORRIS CHILDS in Chicago..MORRIS told PHIL that he is in bed..has the flu..PHIL said that GUS (HALL) can't get out there for a week..said, that thing you started that night has to be finished..MORRIS said he'll come if he feels better..at least by Monday. PHIL said that GUS will be in New York at least until Friday..MORRIS said he will let PHIL know tomorrow.. when he'll be in..MORRIS said that he spoke to JACK about an hour ago..PHIL mentioned he was with WINNIE tonight..WINNIE is leaving Monday.

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America - Organization

On July 3, 1961, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the following information:

A meeting of what is believed to be the "Defense Committee" of the National Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) was held at the headquarters of the CP,USA, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on [redacted] Those in attendance were: [redacted]

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The subjects dealt with at this meeting were:

a) The establishment of the Independent Defense Office and a "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Rights."

b) The launching of the CP,USA defense fund campaign.

c) The steps preparatory to the developing of a "national mass mobilization" and conference in protest against the Supreme Court rulings, which conference to be held on August 5, 1961.

Sharp disputes broke out between many of the members on all three of these subjects.

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[redacted] and [redacted] charged sectarian and "leftist" practices were being employed in the whole defense offered and were replied to angrily by [redacted] and [redacted] Several hours of argument ensued on how to get the defense committee underway; how to get several respectable sponsors to authorize a letterhead and an appeal, and there was an argument as to what was the intent and main purpose of this committee.

On the second point another argument took place. [redacted] reported that the CP, USA leadership had decided to increase the goal of the Party fund drive for defense from $50,000.00 to $100,000.00. Half of this amount is to be raised by New York State CP. Heated discussion took place on the amount of the fund drive, on who would be the public sponsors of the appeal and there was quarreling over how to construct such a list of sponsors. Later, the amount of the fund drive was agreed to and suggested sponsors were decided upon. b7D

[redacted] reported difficulty in determining who should be the public chairman of this defense "appeal" and said it would have to be either Robert W. Dunn or possibly Lem Harris.

Criticism was made of the suggestion of Dunn as being proof of "narrow" and "leftist" approaches, because of Dunn's long identification with recognized CP campaigns for funds. It was not certain if Harris was available and the matter was left to the committee to figure out.

On the third point an acrimonious debate took place. [redacted] assumed that the August 5th national conference and mobilization had "built in" assurances of being a gigantic flop; that it was ridiculous to envision such a conference of such magnitude being arranged in the next 40 days when all experiences teach that a much longer time is needed. They argued that this was a "sectarian pecking" at a big task and would lead to discredit and failure.

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[redacted] heatedly replied that it was necessary, that it had been planned as an "answer" to the Supreme Court Ruling which was to go into effect five days later (August 10) and that it would be criminal if there was to be no public protest against the ruling. He alleged that the type of conference suggested did not entail big ventures of having delegates chosen, of awaiting all kinds of formal meetings to propose delegates, etc., but actually was to be a much looser and informal mass gathering.

[redacted] made matters worse by saying "we" have to hold to this date because the National Board decided it and that was that. [redacted] fumed and said he was not just a "technician" called in to get something already decided underway, but he was a CP National Committee member and had a right to question the decision if facts so warranted. b7D

Proposals to defer this meeting until around or after Labor Day were dropped with grumbling, and without enthusiasm of any kind of agreement to proceed and try organize the thing.

[redacted] announced that the "office" (CP, USA leadership) had been thinking of this affair and saw the need of a full time person immediately taking over the preparatory and organizational work of the August 5th conference. He said that the "office" had chosen Joe Brandt for this purpose. He was aware of the "severe criticism" concerning the work of Brandt, but that he believes that on a "one shot" deal Brandt can do a good job. He said "they" have expectations that Brandt will do the job.

[redacted] said that New Jersey CP experiences with Brandt made any expectation of his doing well at anything very dismal, and felt that Brandt's selection for this task was still another and possibly fatal "built-in" weakness which would make the August 5th affair precarious. [redacted] answered that [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-69) DATE: 7/21/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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Attached hereto are six copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information concerning what is believed to be the "Defense Committee" of the CPUSA, held at CPUSA Headquarters, on [redacted] NYC.

The source mentioned in this letterhead memorandum is [redacted] who furnished the information therein in the form of a three-page report on 7/3/61.

This letterhead memorandum is being classifed "Confidential" as it contains information from [redacted] the unauthorized disclosure of which would compromise this informant's effectiveness and thus have a detrimental effect on the national defense interests of the U.S. b7D

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On July 7, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a handwritten letter dated July 2, 1961, prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, CP, USA, New York City. This letter was photostated by the Chicago Office on July 7, 1961, and the original returned to the source on that date. One photostat of this letter has been retained by the Chicago Office and is maintained as an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (227). Two photostats each of this letter are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and for the New York Office.

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["July 2, 1961]

"Dear Friend: - .....The news of Geraldyne (Lightfoot) is not too good. It follows a deadly pattern, doesn't it? Hy (Lumer) is going through a terrible ordeal. He took his wife (Edith) to the hospital for three days of tests and more tapping to drain out the fluid. It is very difficult for him to go on in any work. He will ask to be released from all assignments on Wed. (July 5, 1961) so he can at least take her away for a couple of weeks before he goes to jail - as he well may on August 8. The lawyers are trying for a further stay in Cleveland, but it is highly dubious if he will get it. He has great difficulty in getting through to Gus (Hall) with his problems. Gus seems to avoid him. Phil (Bart) talks glibly about "All we did" etc. But the problem continues and grows worse - it is not over or solved. He gets $81.00 a week approximately - maybe a little more. His rent is $122. Her medicine bills are very large - .....Originally he had planned to leave her with the (Michael) Davidows but now that's out as Mrs. D (Davidow) is sick too. He is worried to death about funds, even to take her to Briehl's (farm) for a couple of weeks, and to leave her provided for when he must leave. She will need someone to stay with her and take care of her. She is too weak now to do anything around the house. I find it very difficult - to talk to G (Gus Hall). He's always surrounded with people, and he seems to be prejudiced against Hy. Maybe you can talk to him when he's there and quieted down a bit.

"His attitude is inexplicable. I have a few dollars in the bank and if necessary I will lend them to Hy. I just can't see a comrade as valuable as he is so neglected and ignored.

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He did the article you spoke about - in spite of all this harassment. And he has done very well on the defense job. If we could arrange a lump sum for her care, it would ease his mind a great deal. I doubt if she'll live till he comes out. She's fading fast. Please talk to Carl (Winter) about this and maybe between us we can diplomatically raise the issue with Gus, so he won't blame Hy. I suggested to Hy to write Gus a letter telling him the whole situation, since G. never asks him. Hate to add to your burdens but you seem to be able to talk to the guy more effectively than some of the rest of us. Phil (Bart) tried to explain to Hy like this: - 'Well Gus has been very busy making arrangements for Clarence (Hathaway) to go to Minn.' and Hy replied bitterly: - 'Maybe he'll get around to me some day!' I told Phil afterwards it was a stupid thing to say to Hy. My father used to say: - 'Damn a fool - a drunken man will get sober!' Got to get busy writing a 'Fact Sheet' for the new defense committee. Its a scorching hot day 90 right now. [redacted] and I are staying home quietly, with the fan on.....Just got a telegram from Leningrad (Russia) from Peggy - Gene & [redacted] to Winny (Winston) (C)

["Elizabeth"] (C)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

HENRY WINSTON
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	7/8/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 7/8/61, PHIL (BART) contacted WINNIE (HENRY WINSTON) at the Chelsea Hotel, room 330. PHIL asked how things were and WINNIE said okay.

WINNIE asked if PHIL would be seeing JACK today and PHIL said he didn't think so as he had some things to do. PHIL asked if he knew when he would be back. WINNIE said he got back into town at 8:00 last Sunday, so "let's make it 7:00 p.m." WINNIE said he hoped PHIL was going to invite MARY KAUFMAN, and PHIL said he was trying to get her.

NY 1749-S* further reported that on the same date, CONNIE (BART) contacted MARY (KAUFMAN) at TR 3-1297 and told her WINNIE thought it would be nice for them all to come over "there" tomorrow. MARY thought it was a wonderful idea and at first thought CONNIE meant MARY's place, but CONNIE told her the gathering would be at WINNIE's place. CONNIE said WINNIE was going to see JUDY during the day and should be back around 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. MARY said she would be there.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1-NY (100-8529) (MARY KAUFMAN)
1-NY (100-269) (415)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)(DATE: 7/12/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info [redacted] and PHIL BART, CPUSA Organizational Secretary

Date received 7/3/61

Received by SA JOHN A. HAAG (written)

Original location [redacted]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info in order to protect the identity of informant.

A copy of informant's written report follows:

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(1 - 100-3-94)(CP, USA, Underground Operations)
1 - Detroit (100-13420 [redacted] (RM)
6 - [redacted]
(1 - 100-19491 [redacted]
(1 - 100- [redacted], Organization)
(1 - 100-35106 [redacted]
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1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY 100-26603C42 (CP, NY County)(421)
1 - NY 100-73561 [redacted] 414)
1 - NY 100-93985 (CP, USA, Underground Operations)(415)
1 - NY 100-16785 [redacted] (415)
1 - NY 100-18065 [redacted] 415)
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On [redacted] a discussion occurred between [redacted] and PHIL BART in the [redacted]

[redacted] reported to BART that the [redacted]

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In essence BART stated that this seems to be a [redacted]

That the NY County CP Executive Council [redacted]

Also, at the last meeting of his CP Club, [redacted]

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That all this was a [redacted]

However, how this would [redacted]

He suggested to [redacted]

Also, that several days prior there had been a meeting of the [redacted]

BART said he was certain that had the [redacted]

BART said he had no [redacted]

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He characterized [redacted]

He agreed that the [redacted]

He stated that they, [redacted]

He related, that in [redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 7-13-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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On July 10, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), dated Saturday, (July 8, 1961) and mailed from New York City.

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(1-100-1287 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
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(1-100-68063 (CLARA BODIAN)
(1-100- (JOE BRANDT)
(1-100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
(1-100-1287 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
(1-100-93665 (MIMI FRIEDLANDER)
(1-100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)
(1-100-84994 (GUS HALL)
(1-100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
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(1-100-105078 (HY LUMER)
(1-100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
(1-100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)
(1-100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN)
(1-100-47233 (ABRAHAM UNGER)
(1-100- [redacted]LNU, from Party Book Store, New York City)
(1-100-89691 (CP, USA - Domestic Administration Issues)
(1-100-87211 (CP, USA - Factionalism)
(1-100-74560 (CP, USA - Funds)
(1-100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)
(1-100- (CP, New York State - Factionalism)
(1-100- (CP, New York State - Organization)
(1-100-145082 (Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties)
(1- 97-169 (Publishers New Press)
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"Sat (7/8/61)

"Dear..... : -

"Your friend (Gus Hall) will be delayed (on travel to Midwest). Several things have come up. I doubt if he'll have time to tell you details. Maybe he'll call you in, instead. We met all day yesterday /first in defense - then on NY/ We all feel Carl (Winter) should come in for at least 3 weeks and take charge of defense. We won't get it off the ground otherwise. Hy (Lumer) was released & gave all material to me. I have to follow up on over a dozen projects. Arnold (Johnson) will help Joe (Brandt) in the Conference /assembly they call it/ (the post Labor Day meeting) but will not be in charge of defense. He cooked his own goose at the Man (Manhattan) County (New York State Communist Party) meeting Thurs. night to which he offered to go. The Staff & County met together. It was a terrible meeting. Pat (William L. Patterson) - Irving (Potash) & Betty (Gannett) plus my friend Clara (Bodian) upheld the decisions of .....(National Review and Appeal) Com. & the N.B. Abe U. (Unger) came there. Pat asked him to withdraw as he is no longer a member. He refused & the B'd sustained his presence. Attacks were made on the three present and on the B'd. Arnold did not defend them or us. He merely conceded that Abe should voluntarily withdraw. You will be notified of our decision to take further final action on U. (Unger) and to call in at least one member of the N.C. (National Committee) for his remarks there. Also our B'd will meet with the NY B'd & insist on a dissolution of the Manh (Manhattan) Bd - they are the only county that never carried out the re-organization plan. Gus (Hall) was very emphatic with Arnold & Ben (Davis) who abstained as usual. He characterized

"the group as anti-party. Both of them demurred at that. May be Gus realizes I am not prejudiced - I just know he hasn't changed. They never got beyond that one question Thurs. but in the course of it, attacks were made on both NY & Natl. leadership. It was decided Ruth (Shulman) is out of our place, as of yesterday and [redacted] (_____) must come out of the book store - which is a nest of intrigue. You'd better plan to stay here a while. There's lots of cleaning up to do and now is the time. But it won't be easy, unless every body stays firm. It can be done. We have good members here.

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"Hy discussed all matters with the Adm. Com. It was good. He got the money to take her (Edith Lumer) away /Gus & I had to lend our pay to Phil (Bart) to do it right away - but that's O.K./ I think he felt a lot better. I'm so glad.

"Joe (Brandt) is taking hold in good shape. I told him don't let Arnold be the boss - you are in charge. Mimi (Mimi Friedlander) doesn't carry enough weight to see people etc. She gets confused - needs direction. That's why we need Carl (Winter), to put real spirit into it. I do all I can - but my strength is truly limited. I do a lot of writing, my own and ghost writing too.

"Wed. we had a very good discussion on an article by Gus /ordered by Jim A. (Allen)/ on the rise of reaction in America & the need for left unity and new initiatives of the left. It will be published in The Worker. Should stimulate a lot of discussion.

".....

"Elizabeth"

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

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"July 1st. Let

"Dear Friend: -

"Too bad you were not here yesterday - it was a great day. John (Abt) got word that Pres. K. (Kennedy) had granted Winny (Winston) executive clemency. Gus (Hall), Jim (Jackson) & Irving (Potash) went with John (Abt) over to the Staten Island hospital and took him out. Traffic was frightful - it took them hours to go and return. Meantime we were all on the anxious seat at the N.O. (National Office) They took him to the Hotel Chelsea, to a nice large room, and different friends will take turns staying with him for the next few days. The membership charge too, is dropped. He is free and clear. Betty (Gannett), Pat (William L. Patterson) and I went over. The room was full and there he was - a big man with a big smile. As soon as I came into the room he identified me. We hugged and kissed and both cried for joy. The kids are in camp - at least the girl was and the boy is to go today. She (Edna Winston) left last night for Europe, with a party of doctors. She did not come down and insisted if he wanted to see the boy, they should bring him up to George Watt's house, which was done, I believe.

"I did not see him walk - but judge it is very difficult and painful. Except for his poor eyes - he looks very well - big as ever and spirited. Its amazing how little changed he is, well, you'll see him when you come. If.....friends want to call him - its Room 330.

"Hy (Lumer) is taking his wife (Edith) back to the hospital today. Poor guy! Clarence (Hathaway) leaves Tuesday, I believe, to be driven to Minnesota.

"There was a meeting /not public/ for (Junius) Scales the other night - a real 'united front' - including Earl Browder and Abe Unger.

"Alan Max died. He has been ill a long time, with a brain tumor. Si (Gerson) went to the funeral and was to be one of the speakers. But Lil Gates raised such a fuss it was limited to one speaker - Abner Berry. Maybe Si will eventually stop playing around with these characters - they don't want him really.

"Im still raising Cain about cleaning up - getting no where fast. Phil (Bart) is in a fog! All that stuff is still around the Board room. People picking up files & reading them.

"Ruth (Shulman) & her husband (Jack) are leaving for six weeks - to G.D.R. (German Democratic Republic) & to S.U. - /invited there, they say./ Now is the time to replace her, if we ever hope to do so. Those two women could clean up the room where they work - it's a mess too. Nobody has any pride or sense of responsibility to keep the place presentable. I do wish your Committee would lay the law down to all of us. I plan to take some glass cleanser and wash all the pictures up there. I'm taking my big one home. We need one of Gene (Dennis) to place in the Board room. While we sat waiting yesterday, I got Phil started but it did not last long. The trouble is he insists on doing it all himself. No confidence in any one else.

"Another piece of good news - Abe Isserman got his right to practice law in N.J. restored - after 10 years. He had the right in the federal courts, but not in the state. He's a good lawyer.

"Sadie (AMTER) spoke to me this a.m. - through the window. She was mad at me for a long time. She said very defiantly 'My Doctor says I can go and I'm going' - I said 'Settle it at 26 St. I've had my say there.' She says her daughter only wants her to stay a couple of weeks in Trieste, so the rest must now be arranged. Its awful to grow old like that, completely self centered. I pray I never do.

"Peggy (Dennis) wrote to _____ that Elizabeth (Hall) and the boys were at the same hotel /in Paris?/ I'm not sure where. Another mole hill to become a mountain!! Mike (Davidow)

"made a very good report. I had hoped he could come into the defense work - but I guess its out. We asked for (William) Albertson - but they say that's out. It keeps narrowing down - I fear it will be Arnold (Johnson), after all! Hy will ask to be released on Wed. Edith needs him too much of the time and she demands it. She always was difficult, now more than ever. Poor thing - she's so scared.

"Well - that's all the news & gossip for now.

".....I'm writing a release for foreign use on the facts of the McC. (McCarran Act) Act - Mike says they need it greatly.....

"Elizabeth"

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) 7/13/61

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-31723)

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On the morning of 7/7/61, PH 547-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SE [redacted] that THOMAS NABRIED contacted FRANCES GABOW at the GABOW residence to find out if anyone else was making the trip with them to New York City. GABOW said she did not know of anyone else making the trip. NABRIED arranged with GABOW to come to the NABRIED residence that morning and they would drive to New York in NABRIED's car.

On 7/7/61, PH 548-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SE [redacted] that while THOMAS NABRIED and [redacted] were making preparations to leave for New York City on the morning of 7/7/61, FRANK FISHER and FRANCES GABOW arrived at the residence of NABRIED and [redacted] Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., about 9:45 A.M. b6 b7C

FISHER explained that he wanted NABRIED to do him a favor. He told how "she" (his wife, CLARA FISHER), was getting steadily worse and was getting desperate. FRANK FISHER said that she wanted to know if NABRIED could do anything regarding a recommendation that she be sent to the Soviet Union. NABRIED said he could raise the issue and FISHER cautioned that he did not have sufficient money to send her to Russia as a tourist. He stated the doctors had given up all hope for her and she was getting steadily worse. He felt it would be a shame

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(1 - 100-22157 - PHILIP BART) (1 - 100-25044 - CLARA FISHER)
(1 - 100-1045 - FRANK FISHER) (1 - 100-28841 - FRANCES GABOW)
(1 - 65-1686 - THOMAS NABRIED) (1- 100-30243 [redacted]
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let her die if there was a possibility of saving her by having her treated "there" (in Russia). FRANK said he felt "they" had made such wonderful progress that they were bound to be able to do something for her. NABRIED said he would ask "again." FRANCES GABOW inquired whether "she" had a passport. FRANK said "she" did not have a passport but could probably get it even though FRANK could not get one (FRANK FISHER is presently the subject of deportation proceedings by INS, Philadelphia, as a Russian alien). NABRIED laughed and commented FRANK could probably get papers to get out of the country but would not get back.

NABRIED, [redacted] and FRANCES GABOW left the apartment to drive to New York City at 10:00 A.M., on 7/7/61.

The informant advised SE [redacted] that NABRIED, [redacted] and FRANCES GABOW returned to the apartment of NABRIED and [redacted] about 10:15 P.M., on 7/7/61, at which time [redacted] was not feeling well and was throwing up.

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GABOW prepared something to eat for herself and THOMAS NABRIED and while eating commented that everyone seemed worn out in New York City when they were there. She said PHIL (BART) especially seemed worn out. NABRIED commented that if GABOW had been doing all the running around those people had to do she would also be tired. NABRIED, GABOW and [redacted] were still in the apartment at midnight.

On 7/8/61, PH 548-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SE [redacted] that FRANCES GABOW visited the apartment of THOMAS NABRIED and [redacted] on the afternoon of 7/8/61 and raved about some man whom they had seen on 7/7/61 (probably HENRY WINSTON). GABOW remarked that this man bubbled with enthusiasm and had "mastered" his blindness affliction.

On 7/7/61, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA FORREST F. BURGESS orally that THOMAS NABRIED, FRANCES GABOW and [redacted] were leaving for New York City on the morning of 7/7/61. Informant described NABRIED as District Chairman, Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD), and a member of the

National Committee, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA). GABOW was described as District Organization Secretary, CPUPD, [redacted] was described as a member of the Unity Club, CPUPD.

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A letter was previously sent to New York advising that TED (probably BASSIST) had contacted THOMAS NABRIED and suggested that NABRIED come to New York City during that week to see HENRY WINSTON since WINSTON was leaving New York on 7/9/61 to go West to visit his mother.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-34665) 7/12/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

LENA SCHERER
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	7/7/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 7/7/61, (LENA SCHERER) contacted (CONNIE BART)..LENA asked if CONNIE had seen "our friend" (HENRY WINSTON). CONNIE said that PHIL (BART) was with him last night and she joined them for dinner..(WINSTON) is leaving to see his mother Monday..LENA asked if CONNIE has "our friend's" address..the young fellow that we see quite a bit..said she knows the town..CONNIE said it's out of town..he just moved..it's 601 East 32nd St..LENA has some problems and has to write him..said she would like to see PHIL for a half hour over the week end..for advice..she said she will be home tomorrow night and most of Sunday. CONNIE is sure that PHIL will reach her.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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2-Chicago (100-3740) (MORRIS CHILDS) (RM)
(1-134-46) (CG 5824-S)
2-Detroit (100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (RM)
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On 7/13/61, CG 5824-S furnished the following information to SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON:

On 7/12/61, a meeting of the CPUSA National Board was held at CP headquarters, NYC. JAMES JACKSON was chairman of the meeting, and others in attendance, including invited guests, were the following: GUS HALL, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, JAMES ALLEN, DANIEL RUBIN, MORRIS CHILDS, PATRICK TOOHEY, BEN DAVIS, JR., IRVING POTASH, JACOB STACHEL, BETTY GANNETT, ARNOLD JOHNSON, CARL WINTER, JESUS COLON, and PHIL BART.

PATRICK TOOHEY submitted a report on Puerto Rico, ELIZABETH FLYNN furnished a report regarding CP defense preparations, and PHIL BART reported on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee conference held on July 1st and 2nd, and attended by two hundred delegates (CG 5824-S will furnish details regarding the above-mentioned reports upon his return to Chicago).

At this meeting it was definitely decided that the next National Executive Committee meeting would be held in NYC on August 12th and 13th, 1961, and that the agenda at the said NEC meeting should include a discussion of the following:

The ultra right danger, CP defense preparations, the CP press, and the coming municipal elections in NY and other cities.

GUS HALL talked privately to BEN DAVIS, suggesting that the latter "take a vacation for a month or two." HALL told DAVIS that he was not making this suggestion as "a bribe," or in an attempt to keep the latter "out of trouble." He said he was desirous of keeping DAVIS "in the cadre." DAVIS indicated he would consider HALL's suggestion, which seemed to shock him.

According to CG 5824-S, JESUS COLON will go to Puerto Rico before the end of the current week. He is going there ostensibly for a vacation, but will perform

certain tasks for the Party while there. TED BASSETT also will go to Puerto Rico, probably within the next week.

CARL WINTER will remain in NY for a couple of weeks to work with the CP Defense Committee in place of HY LUMER. While in NYC, WINTER will occupy CLARENCE HATHAWAY's NYC apartment. HELEN WINTER is scheduled to come to NYC on 7/~~12~~13/61.

On 7/11/61, ELIZABETH FLYNN went to Connecticut, where she conferred with LOUISE PETTIBONE SMITH, honorary co-chairman of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born. CG 5824-S did not know the purpose of FLYNN's contact with LOUISE SMITH.

Extreme caution must be exercised with respect to dissemination of information herein since, by its nature, it tends to identify CG 5824-S, a valuable informant, as the source thereof.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bubile
100-3-69

New York, New York
July 13, 1961

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 12, 1961, that a meeting of the National Board and invited guests of the Communist Party, Unites States of America (CPUSA) was held in Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, New York City, on that date.

Among those in attendance were:

Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Chairman, CPUSA
Jack Stachel, member of National Committee (NC), CPUSA
Pat Toohey, member of NC, CPUSA, Chairman of New Jersey, CPUSA
James Jackson, member of NC, CPUSA and editor of "The Worker"
Ben Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA
Jesus Colon, member of Editorial Staff of "The Worker"
William L. Patterson, Vice Chairman, New York District (NYD), CPUSA
Betty Gannett, Educational Director, NYD, CPUSA
Morris Childs, Chairman of International Affairs Committee, CPUSA
James Allen, member of NC, CPUSA
Irving Potash, Labor Secretary, CPUSA
Danny Rubin, National Youth Director, CPUSA
Arnold Johnson, member of NC, CPUSA
Phil Bart, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA
Carl Winter, member of NC, CPUSA from Detroit, Michigan.

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Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

The meeting opened with James Jackson being nominated as chairman. Gus Hall proposed that the next National Executive Committee (NEC), CPUSA meeting be held August 12 and 13, 1961. Hall explained that it will be an NEC meeting, but some NC, CPUSA members from the middle west and the east will be invited.

Pat Toohey gave a report on his recent trip to Puerto Rico. Toohey said that he had been received warmly by the comrades in Puerto Rico. He said the Puerto Rican comrades had arranged three general meetings for him as well as a three-day detailed trip all over the island and particularly in the sugar, coffee, pineapple and tobacco areas. Arrangements were also made for him to speak to trade union leaders, leaders of the independence movement, Nationalist Party leaders and with certain leaders of thepopular Democratic Party. Toohey related that on his own he had arranged meetings with a number of former leaders of the Party, who have split and are now in other activities.

Toohey said that the Party in Puerto Rico uses very little material in terms of leaflets and pamphlets due to a lack of cadre as well as technical and financial means. He said the only thing he saw being used were "packets of stuff" received from individuals in the Socialist countries. He said the Puerto Rican comrades were critical of the Party publications in the United States because they did not deal with Puerto Rico in its struggle against American Imperialism and seemed completely oblivious of them.

Gus Hall recommended that Toohey prepare an article on his trip to be published in "Political Affairs" and possibly "The Worker." Hall was of the opinion that a Foreign Affairs Commission should be set up immediately and their first task would be to go into the question

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of Latin America and Puerto Rico. It was decided that Toohey would prepare a draft of his article on Puerto Rico and that another discussion be had on it before publication.

A discussion was held regarding the Party's defense committee. James Allen suggested that people be requested, in view of the Supreme Court hearing coming up regarding registration of the CP, to write to the Attorney General of the United States to favor a rehearing. Allen suggested that people be requested to write the President, Congressmen and Senators in this regard.

James Jackson said that a post card system be adopted wherein people receiving the card could detach part of it which would be self-addressed to the Attorney General. He said such a system would result in greater numbers and would indicate certain public opinion.

In "The Worker", an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, issue of March 5, 1961, the editor of "Political Affairs" identified the latter publication as an organ of the National Committee of the CPUSA, published monthly.

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Date: 7/13/61

Transmit the following PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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(CINAL)
(OO: New York)

There are transmitted herewith nine copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting of the National Board and invited guests of the CPUSA held in NYC, on 7/12/61.

The confidential source utilized was NY 2359-S*.

This memorandum has been classified "Confidential" because it contains information from a source the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (#415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION, IS-C

On 7/13/61, [redacted] furnished the following information:

It was learned at CPUSA Headquarters on [redacted] that PHIL BART, CPUSA Organizational Secretary, had planned a meeting with [redacted] to be held within the next [illegible] [illegible] an all-day discussion with [redacted] of the CPUSA National Office to discuss the possibility of an underground organization for the party in view of the Supreme Court decision. He commented that after a certain date the CP will not be able to function as a Communist Party. BART added that whatever evolves from this meeting, it will be certain that the CPUSA will be under such a setup that it will not be liable to attack. He said the underground setup would have to be a tight one in order that the Communist Party will remain in existence and will be able to defend itself.

BART spoke in vague terms but the inference appears to be that the so-called new setup of the CP will be that of a front-type organization.

No letterhead memorandum was prepared because it is a personal conversation involving the informant.

4 - BUREAU (100-3-69) (RM)
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1 - PHILADELPHIA (100- [redacted] (RM)
1 - NEWARK (100-[illegible] [redacted] (RM)
1 - [redacted]
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MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 7-14-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION SET FORTH CAN READILY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SOURCE FROM WHICH RECEIVED, IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF FOUND NECESSARY TO SET FORTH IN A REPORT FOR DISSEMINATION.

On July 10, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), dated July 6 (1961). This letter was photostated by the Chicago Office and the original returned to the source on July 10, 1961. One photostat has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3(229). Two photostats of this item are being furnished herewith to the Bureau and the New York Office.

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1-Los Angeles (RM)
(1-100-4486 (DOROTHY HEALEY)
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(1-100-54965 (JOHN ABT)
(1-100-80532 (HERBERT APTHEKER)
(1-100- (SADIE AMTER)
(1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
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Set forth below are the verbatim contents of this letter except for the minor deletion of personal data which tends to identify the source or which has no investigative pertinency. The information appearing in the parentheses was supplied by the source on July 10, 1961, for assistance in interpreting the contents of this letter:

"July 6 -

"Dear Friend: -

"I was so glad to hear.....Felt dispirited after listening to Clarence (Hathaway), Vera (Hathaway), Betty (Gannett) & Jim (Jackson) berate NY. I guess its all time but it seems so negative and futile. Surely it can and should be resolved by now.

"The afternoon /Bd/ was better, with Winny (Winston) there, every body was on their best behavior. Winny did beautifully in the press conference. The place was at the office. Thank heavens it was cleaned up - a little anyhow. It the junk was all thrown in the back room on the floor which is a veritable fire trap now. We need.....(National Review and Appeals) Com. to act.

"Tonight (Thurs.) had dinner with John (Abt) at a nice Hungarian restaurant down 2nd Ave - Moscowitz's I had forgotten about it - its very old and quite famous. John & Jessica (Smith) stayed at 'our hotel.' (in Moscow) They loved it. He said its very necessary for me to write some explanations as Pravda came out with a story 'American Party outlawed.' The intricacies of American law are hard to define elsewhere. He saw Bill (Foster) for about 10 minutes which he spent denouncing us. He said Jessica & Herb (Aptheker) were alright /for what they wrote on Hungary/ but all the other writers are N.G. He's pretty far gone apparently. John said, differently from Dorothy (Healey), our friends (the Russians) do not take him seriously. They realize he's a sick old man, and very difficult.

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"I had a letter from Sadie's(Amter) son-in-law in Trieste. I wrote to Vitale first. Am enclosing letter (not enclosed). Please either keep for me or return. What shall I reply?. That's its impossible now? They are not too anxious, as you can see by their letter. What's the use to write to the Jeromes. They are as nutty as poor Sadie is. I showed the letter to Phil (Bart) - no comment.

.....(The National Review & Appeals) Com. 'leaks' here. L. (Lena Scherer) had told the East Side organizer of .....decision before the N.Y. Board was even notified re A. U. (Abe Unger) Also Jack S. (Shulman) told somebody in N.Y. and there was a lot of loose talk. Manhattan sticks together like glue. L. should know that. The B'd was to be notified today I understand. But no one understands why Irving (Potash) did not allow the memo Ruth (Shulman) sent in to be read or why the U. (Unger) article is not referred to, on which .....decision was originally based. We the Bd. endorsed the action of.....Com. yesterday at the B'd /unanimous./ Ben (Davis) abstained on Pat's (William L. Patterson) report on N.Y. and made a big plea for Evy. (Evelyn Wiener). Arnold (Johnson) offered to talk to Evy (Evelyn Wiener) - a very presumptious act on his part, just returning as he did. No one rebuked him. I hate to be the one to fight with him all the time. Its not personal. I'm sure, between you and me, he'll be up to all his old tricks in no time at all. He hasn't changed a bit. He never will. I pray Gus (Hall) won't insist he take over defense. It will slow it down and we are off to a good start, under Hy's direction.

"Clarence (Hathaway) spoke about 'a trip' (apparently to 22nd Congress, Communist Party of the Soviet Union) in the Fall. Gus had just been there to see him. You'd better take this in hand or we'll have another mess on our hands. He has to go to Minnesota by car and by slow degrees - stopping often. The Drs vetoed to go by air. He is a very sick man. Don't mention this unless it comes up. It probably will. But do try to contain it, before it gets out of hand completely.

"Well, that's enough headaches for tonight.....,
.....

"Elizabeth

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SAC, NY (100-74560) 7/14/61

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CPUSA-FUNDS
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On 7/7/61, NY 2362-S* advised that on that date an informal discussion was held in the penthouse office at CP Headquarters, NYC. In attendance were GUS HALL, JACK STACHEL, PHIL BART, LOUIS WEINSTOCK and JAMES JACKSON. Informant advised that the discussion pertained to the fund drive and Party finances.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK opened the discussion, but utilized the added security of the blackboard in discussing Party finances and this information was not available to the informant. b6 b7C

GUS HALL interrupted WEINSTOCK to comment that "our" situation is no better this year and in fact it is worse than last year. HALL noted that last year "we" were in debt $25,000.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK replied that they were no worse than last year, but he needed to make some loans.

HALL then asked WEINSTOCK what had happened to the plans they had laid six months ago. JACK STACHEL commented that "we" were supposed to raise $80,000, $40,000 of which was to come from NY and $40,000 from the rest of the country. STACHEL added that originally we wanted to raise $100,000, but that NY changed it to $70,000. STACHEL said that "we" raised $40,000 so far and as a result were compelled to extend the drive.

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Continuing, STACHEL remarked "I" propose to raise $25,000 in ten weeks. "I" propose to get loans. He said that loans could be made from approximately 50 people, noting that this was done last year and the loans were repaid. He stated "I do not know the rich people. I used to know them, but now I do not....." He said that a real effort should be made in the next ten weeks and throught that possibly $10,000 per month could be raised in the fund drive.

Informant advised that STACHEL then utilized the added security of the blackboard regarding the problem of raising money, but this information was not available to the informant.

GUS HALL remarked that certain sections of Manhattan could improve the fund drive. He noted that certain districts have done nothing. He said that the fund drive must continue and not be allowed to disappear.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579) DATE: 18 JUL 1961

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-C

NY 694-S* advised on 5/18/61, that the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party; the Editorial and Office Staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper, currently occupy the premises at 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

The above captioned subject was observed at 23 W. 26th St., as indicated below: b6 b7C

DATE	ENTERED	DEPARTED	OBSERVED BY SAS
6/19/61	X	X	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/20/61	X	X	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/21/61	X	X	WILLIAM J. BARRON [redacted]
6/22/61		X	WILLIAM J. BARRON [redacted]
6/23/61	X	X	WILLIAM J. BARRON

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
IS-C; ISA-50; SA-40
(OO: NY)

NY 1749-S* advised 7/16/61, that the subject contacted ANNE TIMPSON and stated he is going up to Boston on Thursday or Friday (7/20-21/61) in connection with a committee meeting. BART said he would return to NYC on Sunday and come back up the following week end. He said he would bring his wife CONNIE with him and she would stay the week. TIMPSON said she would let him know by the middle of the week if everything was set.

NY 1750-S* advised the BARTS discussed the above arrangements and CONNIE stated that going up on Friday would be better for her. The subject stated he would possibly take his week vacation when he returned to Boston the following week end.

Boston is requested to effect such coverage as is feasible in order to determine BART's activities and contacts. NYO will immediately advise Boston of all further developments in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579) DATE: 18 JUL 1961

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-C

NY 694-S* advised on 6/15/61 , that the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party; the Editorial and Office Staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper, currently occupy the premises at 23 W. 26th St., NYC. b6 b7C

The above captioned subject was observed at 23 W. 26th St., as indicated below:

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